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More than 2,000 lined up for NAP's first day processing of disaster and supplemental food stamp program. Only 250 head of households per day was targeted to be serviced. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

2K-plus line for disaster food stamps

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Sixty-five-year-old Minda Cullen lined up as early as 4:30am yesterday at DCCA's Nutritional Assistance Program's Office in As Lito in the hopes of receiving aid through its Disaster Program.

Twelve hours later, Cullen was in line again, this time to finally claim her family's $282 disaster food stamp benefit.

"It's a big help for me. My house was totally damaged and a lot of my properties got soaked," Cullen said.

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FEMA household assistance reaches almost $1M

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Federal assistance for individual households in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor has reached $944,404.82 so far.

The number of registrants for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency has also reached 6,808, while inspections has been completed for 670 households.

Visitors to the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center have totaled 1,123 so far.

"I am pleased at the efficiency of FEMA's system in quickly disbursing much needed recovery funds to families through the Individual Assistance Program," Gov. Eloy S. Inos said, adding that "with this money, families are able to recover, rebuild, and repair their homes and belongings."

The governor, however, stressed that "it is important to note that these funds were never meant to supplant but rather supplement your recovery and rebuilding efforts."

"I urge recipients that they are required to use the funds for what they are intended for. Any misuse or use

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100 kilos of stolen wires recovered

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» Task force assembled to investigate copper wire theft incidents

Police have recovered a total of 100 kilos of copper wires allegedly stolen from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power poles after Typhoon Soudelor's devastation.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that police recovered early this week a total of 100 kilos of copper wires from two recycling centers on the island.

Tarkong said the stolen copper wires have been confirmed as CUC's property.

Tarkong also revealed that 26 other kilos of stolen aluminum were recov-

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CUC needs $18M for recovery

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will have the largest claim by far out of the $22 million budget approved by federal agencies for public infrastructure assistance after the devastating Typhoon Soudelor—at some $18 million to $20 million "so far," utility officials said.

The estimated figure will account for transmission and distribution, power generation, and water and wastewater repairs.

Per the latest statistics, Typhoon Soudelor damaged 355 wooden power poles, 195 transformers, and 137 meters within the CUC system on Saipan. But these numbers are expected to grow.

CUC management told board members yesterday that assessment was completed, but data needed to be inputted.

Chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto told board members that the data input was a "huge undertaking."

"The utility has been severely impacted," acting CUC executive director John Riegel also told board members.

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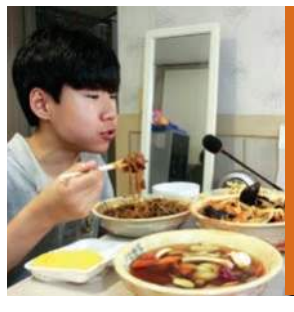

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Local

Lions Club Int'l to distribute relief goods tomorrow

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The Lions Club International District 204 will be distributing relief goods tomorrow at the parking lot of the Saipan Mayor's Office starting at 10pm.

The Saipan Lions Clubs are composed of the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Unity Lions Club.

Aside from presidents Annamae Adaza, Olivia Yana, and Atoy Banting, the distribution will also be headed by Lions Club delegates from Guam including district governor Daniel Yang, 2nd vice district governor Art Navarro, past district governor Goring Duenas, PDG Herbie Perez, and cabinet secretary Zenaida Cachila.

"We will distribute different kinds of goods such as bottled water, diapers, luncheon meat, noodles, rice, toilet tissues, crackers, tuna chunk, batteries, flashlights, blankets, baby wipes, gums, and towels, among others," region 2 chair Ladyvir Canape said.

The relief items are worth over $20,000 from Lions Club International Foundation and different Lions Clubs from Region 1.

"It will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. How we wish we can really give to everybody," said Canape.

She added that they will extend their help to the ones who need it the most.

The Lions Club also gave out initial care packages a week ago to nine shelters that were opened around the island.

As one of the world's largest organization, Lions Clubs always create projects that are beneficial to the community, with their motto "We Serve." Lions Clubs International extends the mission of service every day in local communities, in all corners of the globe. The international network has grown to include over 200 countries and geographic areas.

Sons of Saipan contributes to relief efforts

Sons of Saipan, a group of Saipan-born residents living in Guam, has joined relief efforts to help Typhoon Souledor victims on Saipan.

Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2015 member Ed Arriola noted that the donations from SOS has come in and is only waiting to be distributed.

Arriola hopes that the donations will be turned over to United 4 Saipan today, Aug. 21.

U4S is a grassroots group of community members reaching out to those direly in need of relief and assistance after Souledor hit Saipan last Aug. 2.

Over the course of nearly three weeks, SOS has been reaching out to the community and businesses in Guam to donate relief goods to Saipan.

As of last week, they were able to fill a container truck and raise $10,000.

SOS also created a GoFundMe account to further raise funds.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said the people of Saipan are grateful for all the donations they're getting from off-island.

"We won't forget this, because in a time of need of their own, we too must give back and support. We are very grateful for the many efforts of these good people that are donating in our time of need," he said.

Apatang also noted that Itoda School from Japan, whose students visited the CNMI twice under the homestay program, has donated 30,000 yen or $241.

Saipan Mayor's Office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto said that all kinds of donations are welcome from any off-island donors.

"I am grateful that Itoda donated because any donations especially from Itoda is welcome and we appreciate their efforts," Apatang said. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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BEH relocates; public urged to get rid of stagnant water

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Bureau of Environmental Health has relocated to the hospital and all requests and inquiries can be made at its new location.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said that BEH will remain at the Commonwealth Health Center until further notice and that all services offered under BEH should be forwarded to the hospital.

BEH handles inspection requests such as renewal of sanitation permit/inspection or ship clearance and food handler requests such as food safety training or issuance and/or food handler certification.

Warren Villagomez, CHCC public health and hospital emergency preparedness program director, said that majority of CHCC's incident command center has all departments working in one area for better collaboration.

For requests of services or concerns, contact BEH at 236-8731 or 234-8905 (operator) and ask for to be transferred to Ext. 8731.

Stagnant water

CHCC public health planner Kaitlyn R. Neises said any water around the house increases the number of mosquitoes.

"Mosquitoes are out in full force post-Typhoon Soudelor and CNMI residents have a large part to play in source reduction by eliminating the kinds of places that mosquitoes like to breed," Neises said.

"All mosquitoes require water in which to breed and any increase in mosquito problems folks are experiencing are likely to come from water-filled containers that they can help to eliminate," she added.

Anti-mosquito tips

■ Drain all standing water around the house.

■ Wear light, loose fitting clothing. Some of the 176 mosquito species are attracted to dark clothing and some can bite through tight-fitting clothes. When practical, wear long sleeves.

■ Choose a mosquito repellant that has been registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Repellants approved for use include DEET (N, N-diethyl-mtoluamide), picaridin (KBR 3023), and oil of lemon eucalyptus (P-methane 3, 8-diol, or PMD).

■ Other ways to get rid of mosquitoes are:

♦ Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.

♦ Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.

♦ Clear roof gutters of debris.

♦ Clean pet water dishes regularly.

♦ Check and empty children's toys.

♦ Repair leaky outdoor faucets.

♦ Change the water in birdbaths once a week.

♦ Canoes and other boats should be turned over.

♦ Avoid water collecting on pool covers.

♦ Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.

♦ Plug tree holes.

Even the smallest of containers that can collect water can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes. They don't need much water to lay their eggs (bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage can lids, flower pots, etc.) ***(Jayson Camacho)***

High surf and small craft advisory

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a large swell from the northwest and northeast was producing hazardous surf along north facing reefs yesterday and hazardous surf will likely spread to west facing reefs by Friday.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Monday, Aug. 24.

Hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs will build to 8 to 10 feet today. Hazardous surf will build Friday to 7 to 9 feet along west facing reefs. Hazardous surf will persist through the weekend.

A small craft advisory in effect until 6pm, also on Monday.

Winds will be 20 to 25 knots, with combined seas of 8 to 14 feet. These conditions will be hazardous for operators of small craft.

The general public is being encouraged to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches especially those along west and north facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. ***(HSEM)***

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Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero

Debris clearing along Beach Road may be done by next week

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Beach Road, Saipan's most famous thoroughfare and a favorite spot for locals and tourists to take photos of the island's breathtaking sunsets, is likely to be cleared of all typhoon debris by next week.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said his office is working with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Recreation in cleaning up of the iconic roadway.

The U.S. Marine Corps has also helped for the most part by clearing areas across Marianas High School.

Apatang said that sectors have been divided among the agencies to be taken cared of.

A government employee directs traffic while other workers clear the Beach Road area in front of National Office Supply as part of recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor uprooted many of the trees on Beach Road. JAYSON CAMACHO

The Saipan Mayor's Office has the duty of clearing Beach Road from Quartermaster toward the south end, DPW has Quartermaster leading to the north end, while Parks and Recreation has been cutting down branches and collecting them to be disposed of.

"So it is a wide collaboration between different agencies. We started right after the typhoon by clearing areas that were blocked off from the main road and pushed debris to the side," he said.

The Saipan Mayor's Office has about 15 staff working on the clearing. Apatang noted that Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is paying about 23 additional employees to help the mayor's office.

"So we have more than 30 staff now that is under my office, thanks to BSI and hopefully we are done with the clearing by next week. We're trying to make it go back to a scenic view as it once was," he said.

The Saipan Mayor's Office also handles clearing work from the Quartermaster traffic light in Gualo Rai to the Chalan Kiya traffic light leading to the Northern Marianas College traffic light area. They also handle clearing responsibilities from the Quartermaster Beach Road area to Atkins Kroll intersection. From there they are also conducting clearing from the Joeten Kiyu Public Library traffic light area to the Susupe Beach Park.

He said his office is also responsible for the area from the Chalan Piao traffic light area up to Airport Road. At the southern end, the mayor's office is tasked to clear debris from Mobil Koblerville to the As Perdido traffic light and from As Perdido to Shell Dandan.

The other departments handle Beach Road and Middle Road heading northbound.

Apatang said although his office is concentrating on debris cleanup, they still receive calls within the villages for debris removal, mostly trees blocking pathways or lying on top of their homes.

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Yaquinto had an initial meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials yesterday morning to discuss funding limits and guidelines for FEMA assistance.

FEMA this week approved the CNMI government's funding request for $22 million in public infrastructure assistance.

When pressed for CUC's "share" of this figure, Riegel said that the estimate-to-date would change after full assessment is completed.

"We are looking at close to $20 million," Riegel said. "Depending on what the FEMA share will be—that amount [left over] will be the burden of CUC and the CNMI."

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get comments from FEMA.

Riegel noted that this was the figure "so far."

Whenever CUC does complete full recovery, residents can expect a new power grid.

A total of 1,200 power poles have been ordered or will be ordered; 200 of these will be concrete poles. The first 90 will be installed at the Chalan Kiya substation and in wetland areas.

FEMA guidelines say that "permanent work" or the ones that CUC aims to complete must be completed in 18 months.

Riegel does not believe it will take that long.

"We will have poles and the wires strung in that [18 months] time, but if there is anything more significant than that like rebuilding" facilities at their power plant "that may take longer. But so far that is not in the scope of work," he said.

There are limiting factors, though, to full power recovery.

Riegel acknowledges that these factors are why CUC has not provided an "ETA" or date of power restoration.

A barge with 90 concrete poles from Guam—the first concrete poles to be laid in the CNMI—was set to arrive last Saturday. But according to Riegel, mechanical and weather issues have delayed its arrival.

"Shipment of materials and the fact that we are limited in resources, equipment and manpower," Riegel said, when asked to describe their limiting factors.

CUC needs heavy equipment like bucket trucks, digger, pole truck and trailers, wire, transformers, and other material for their efforts.

Riegel said CUC has an auger and bucket truck, and has brought in drill and bucket trucks from the Guam Power Authority.

If we had more…we could have four crews going if we had equipment," Riegel said.

"We can only in a day put in as many poles as the capacity of the rigs that we have now," he said, adding that they are trying to ship more.

FEMA is assisting in these efforts. The FEMA Power Task Force has provided a schedule for the procurement, shipment, and placement of poles as of Sunday.

For "Week 1," FEMA plans to source, procure, and deliver to 85 to 200 wooden poles via airlift.

Riegel noted this would be done through U.S. military assistance and that CUC has already ordered these poles.

FEMA, for Week 0 to 3, will install concrete poles between Cutoff Road and the airport.

FEMA says in weeks 3 to 4, poles that arrive via airlift will be installed.

FEMA says from Week 5 to 8, overhead crews will work on dressing installed poles.

On Week 6, FEMA says bulk delivery of remaining 750 to 865 "class 1" wind rate barge poles will be completed.

Restoration plans

Riegel said he asked Power Manager Gary Camacho for an "attack plan" for power restoration efforts, which will lay in sequence how CUC will restore power.

Riegel said this would be shared with the public.

"Our first priority was getting power to the hospital," Riegel said. "Our second was to get power the airport—that's what they are working on now. And they are very close."

"The next priority is getting [power] to the business district in Garapan."

Power Plant 1, which provides 70 percent of Saipan's power, is running tests on its generators but not yet fully operational, according to Riegel.

Power Plant 4 is online but only provides power to the hospital, Riegel said.

Except for the hospital, all 14,622 electric customers on Saipan remain without grid power.

STOLEN WIRES

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ered during the two police operations.

He said that based on his information, a kilo of copper wire is worth $4 at the recycling centers.

Asked if police made any arrest, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said yesterday that investigation is ongoing and that they are "going to get to the bottom of this."

Deleon Guerrero said CUC filed several complaints of copper wires being stolen from downed power poles and that police are making progress in terms of the investigation into those cases.

"I would like to emphasize to those people who continue to go out and victimize other people in times like this. This is absolutely disturbing and at best very disheartening for the members of the community," the commissioner said.

He said a lot of people are affected by copper wire theft incidents and that if some people continue to steal copper wires from downed power poles, it is just going to prolong what CUC needs to do to be able to restore full island power.

"We don't even know at this point if there is adequate wiring supply for them to be able to utilize the power poles. It will just delay the island power restoration if too much of this is happening," Deleon Guerrero said.

The commissioner commended CUC's efforts because "they're doing a fantastic job" in terms of trying to put up power poles and trying to restore power given their limited resources.

"But if there are others in the community that are choosing to take advantage of all these downed pole lines and start cutting them up and sending them to recycling centers for a few bucks, it's absolute craziness that needs to be dealt with," he said.

Deleon Guerrero vowed to go all out in terms of what they need to do to investigate and apprehend those responsible for stealing those cooper wires.

He disclosed that a task force has been created to handle all cooper wires thefts that are happening.

As to recycling centers that buy stolen copper wires, Deleon Guerrero there is very limited legal consequence for these businesses, which is why he is reaching out to other government agencies that have better leverage when it comes to regulating the business community.

"And we're hoping at this point actually to try to make it hurt them because it is ridiculous. You would know when you see when something is stolen," the commissioner pointed out.

He reiterated his recommendation for the Legislature to consider making it illegal to export copper wires from the Commonwealth, "when you look at the damage that have been caused by people stealing cooper from residential homes and public infrastructure."

FEMA

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other than what they're intended for may be subjected to audits and investigations by FEMA's Inspector General. Use the funds wisely. Rebuild and recover what you can," Inos said.

FEMA earlier said housing inspectors have been assessing damaged homes of applicants who registered with FEMA for damage sustained in the typhoon.

In an advisory, FEMA said those found qualified will receive a check by mail or have the funds deposited directly into the individual's bank account.

Recipients will also receive a letter describing how to use the money. FEMA said individuals should only use the money given as explained in the letter and that receipts should be saved on how the money was spent.

If an individual does not qualify for a FEMA grant, the individual will receive a letter explaining why the person was ineligible and will be given clear information on how to appeal the decision.

Appeals must be in writing and mailed within 60 days of FEMA's decision.

FEMA said appeals may relate to your initial eligibility decisions, the amount or type of assistance provided to you, late applications, requests to return money, or a denial of Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.

Prior to requesting an appeal review, individuals should review their files with a FEMA helpline agent at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA), or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585, or request a copy of the files file from FEMA.

FEMA said all appeals are reviewed and decisions usually are made within 30 days of receiving the request.

Additional information may be requested from the individual if FEMA does not have enough information to make a decision.

2K-PLUS

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Cullen is just one of the 2,282 heads of households who lined up under sun and rain during the first day of NAP's Disaster and Supplemental Program. This is according to a 3pm data given by director Walter Macaranas to *Saipan Tribune.*

However, of that number, only 250 clients under the Disaster Program will be processed for the first day while all the 371 ongoing NAP clients who are under the Supplemental Program were expected to be served.

Those who didn't make it to the cutoff were given numbers and were told to return on scheduled days when their numbers will be accommodated.

NAP set the applications to run until Aug. 26. But since an estimate of only 1,750 people will be processed that day, Macaranas said they will be setting a different schedule for those in excess of that number.

"What we would do is, anything after 1,750 we'll just give numbers but we will schedule them as we come close to completing the 1,750 count," Macaranas said.

He added that they are hoping to redirect workers to assist in the Disaster Program as they finish with the Supplemental Program. Aside from NAP workers, there were also staff from the Northern Marianas College, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and Department of Public Safety who assisted.

One-day processing

For their first day, Macaranas said he thought the process would be quick and clients will have to wait for only 20 minutes, but it turned out to be a one whole day process for some.

"The process was slower than we thought. The answering from the clients took longer; getting the information from the clients took longer and also not having the information in them," Macaranas said.

Despite this, Macaranas said the people were cooperative and respectful and have been patient.

"We are trying our best," he added.

Shelter food distribution concludes

As NAP begins to give disaster food stamps to qualified Saipan residents, the administration announced yesterday that there will be no more food to be distributed to the shelters.

In a statement, press secretary Ivan Blanco announced the development.

"Homeland Security and the Red Cross, in response to the release of nutrition assistance, will be concluding the shelter food distribution so that shelterees can avail of this program and begin the purchase and acquisition of food on the family level," Blanco said.

Joeten foundation pledges $60K for typhoon relief

The Joeten Daidai Foundation, the charitable arm of the Joeten Group of Companies, has pledged to donate $60,000 to assist in Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. The foundation will donate $40,000 cash and in-kind to the local chapter of the American Red Cross, $10,000 cash and in-kind to the Salvation Army, and $10,000 cash and in-kind to Karidat Social Services. The foundation hopes that its donation will alleviate some financial burden and allow the leaders and volunteers of these respective organizations to continue their good work in the local community.

"To say that Typhoon Soudelor devastated our businesses, homes, and beautiful island would be an understatement," said foundation president Frances T. Demapan. "But this is not the end. We have to keep our spirits up, we have to keep fighting. The Joeten Daidai Foundation is committed to assisting the people of the CNMI—in whatever capacity—to rebuild and restore our island to a newer, better state."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Joeten Daidai Foundation, the charitable arm of the Joeten Group of Companies, has pledged to donate $40,000 cash and in-kind to the local chapter of the American Red Cross, $10,000 cash and in-kind to the Salvation Army, and $10,000 cash and in-kind to Karidat Social Services.

» Funding will go to American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Karidat

The Joeten Daidai Foundation was established in 1994 as a vision of the late Jose "Joeten" C. Tenorio and his wife Soledad "Daidai" T. Tenorio to promote the advancement of education, religion, health, wellness, and other efforts related to the social welfare and benefit of the community. In recent years, the Joeten Daidai Foundation has made in-kind and monetary donations to assist thevictims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and victims of Typhoon Maysak in Chuuk and Yap.

The foundation is deeply grateful to numerous Joeten affiliates and friends, especially Saipan Shipping Co., Saipan Stevedore Co., Pacifica Insurance, Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance, Nissan Motor Corp. in Guam, Masui Shoji Co, Ltd., and many others for the continued support of the foundation's mission.

For more information about the Joeten Daidai Foundation, call 234-6445 and ask for Patty P. McDonald. ***(PR)***

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CUC continues expanding water service islandwide

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its mission to bring limited water service to the island of Saipan by systematically deploying its Water Division resources to monitor reservoir levels and test line pressurization throughout our villages.

Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, the Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Below is the current schedule for limited water service by village:

- San Antonio: 8am – 1pm daily
- Chalan Piao: 8am – 1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm – 8am Even days: 1pm – 6pm
- Susupe: Odd days: 1pm – 6pm Even days: 6pm – 8am
- Oleai: Odd days: 1pm – 6pm Even days: 6pm – 8am
- San Jose: Odd days: 1pm – 6pm Even days: 6pm – 8am
- Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)
- Navy Hill (Upper): 11am – 2pm daily
- Navy Hill (Lower): 8am – 11am
- Chinatown: 2pm – 4pm daily
- As Teo: 2:30pm – 6:30pm daily
- As Matuis: 11am – 2pm daily
- San Roque: 8am – 11am daily

Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

- CH 1: 9am – 12pm daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chunge Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).
- CH 2: 1pm – 3pm (1200 block, 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo. *1200 block will receive water up to 7pm due to the filling station).
- CH 3: 3pm – 6pm (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).

*All times are subject to change based on the volume of water coming into the tank

Forecasting

CUC Engineering and Operations personnel began testing the villages of Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, Upper Chalan Kiya, Dandan, As Lito, As Perdido, Koblerville, and San Vicente. Initial testing yielded positive results. Continued positive results will lead to an established limited water service schedule for the areas within the next few days.

Water filling stations

CUC continues to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at filling stations across Saipan. Residential customers may fill their containers in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, Navy Hill, and As Matuis. Each site is open daily from 12pm – 7pm.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

Commercial filling station

Due to demand from our business community, CUC has opened a commercial filling station in Chalan Kiya. Commercial customers are permitted to purchase up to 3,000 gallons per day at a rate of $.72 per 1,000 gallons. To avail of this service, commercial customers must first make a payment at our Dandan Customer Service Center and make an appointment to fill their respective tanks.

Shelter filling stations

CUC has identified two locations for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to escort tanker trucks that will provide water for the emergency shelters. These services are available by appointment only and are for the sole purpose of supplying water to the shelters.

Safety precaution

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

FOR BOILING: Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

FOR CHLORINATING: Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water with bleach using the following measurements:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
100 GALLON	3 TEASPOONS	2 TABLESPOONS
500 GALLON	5 TABLESPOONS	½ CUP
1,000 GALLON	½ CUP	1 CUP

Note: Allow the water to stand in a covered container, away from the sunlight, if possible, for at least 30 minutes.

For more information, visit our website www.cucgov.org or contact CUC's Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

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BMV to re-open today but with limited services only

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles will re-open today, Friday, but only to deal with registration work on cars that have been sold from dealerships.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed yesterday that the first three days, starting today, are reserved for registration work on vehicles sold from dealerships because they don't want to see long lines at BMV.

Deleon Guerrero said they are looking at probably on Wednesday next week for BMV to open to the general public.

Wednesday's opening to the general public, however, will depend on how quickly they can move their registry servers over to the main DPS building as well as IT&E assisting the department in boosting the necessary speed of the DSL line at the facility.

"That would dictate how long we can register cars," he said.

Deleon Guerrero is hopeful that if everything goes as planned, BMV can provide full vehicle registry and driver's license processing by Wednesday.

With the closure of the BMV after Typhoon's Soudelor's devastation, members of the community with expired driver's licenses and car registrations have been unable to update these documents.

The commissioner disclosed that there was a downed Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power pole in the middle of the BMV parking lot and a transformer with tangled wires was sitting in the lot.

He said the BMV registry servers are currently located at the local courts so they are trying to move those servers over to the main DPS building, where there is a 24-hour power supply.

He said their driver's license system has always been housed at BMV from day one.

"So we should be able, for example, to issue driver's licenses during regular working hours from 7:30am to 4:30pm. However, because it's going to take some time for us to be able to get all the equipment out of the judicial building, we're going to be in the initial things of this re-opening," he said.

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Use disaster assistance grants wisely—FEMA

Disaster assistance payments are bringing some much needed financial help to survivors affected by Typhoon Soudelor. But those payments come with some words of advice from Commonwealth and federal officials: Be cautious, use them wisely.

Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), whether by check or direct deposit from the U.S. Treasury, will be in the form of a grant to make either minimal temporary repairs on the damaged home or for rental assistance. The payment will be followed within a day or two by a letter explaining what the money is intended for. It is important that the payment be used only for the intended purpose.

Officials from FEMA offer the following tips to help CNMI residents to get the most out of their personal disaster recovery payment:

■ If a check is received, deposit it as soon as possible.

■ Don't cash and carry large sums of money.

■ Don't deal with strangers offering check-cashing or deposit services.

■ Use the money for the disaster-related assistance it is intended.

■ Don't be tempted to pay household bills.

■ Don't make purchases unrelated to needs created by the disaster.

■ Don't use the funds for travel.

■ Select a repair company with caution. If a disaster assistance payment is for home repairs, it is only for those repairs that will make the house habitable. This includes fixing windows, doors, plumbing, ventilation, electrical systems and minor structural damage.

■ Don't arrange for repair work without a written statement of work to be completed.

■ Don't use a repair service without seeking a recommendation.

■ Don't pay the repair person up front.

A word of caution

These funds are intended to help residents meet basic disaster-related needs and regain a normal life. If the applicant spends the money on anything other than the purpose for which the payment is intended, no additional assistance may be granted if the need arises in the future. Federal grant recipients are urged to keep receipts of their disaster spending and stay in touch with FEMA through the Helpline if their situation changes. The number is 800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 800-462-7585, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. ***(FEMA)***

Residents urged to clean up now

Individuals affected by Typhoon Soudelor that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015, are urged to begin cleaning up their homes and personal property as soon as possible. Officials from the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and the Federal Emergency Management Agency emphasize that it is not necessary to wait for a housing inspection before beginning this process.

Residents need to document their losses thoroughly and take pictures of all the damage so that when FEMA housing inspectors arrive, they can make a quick analysis and take information with them. Residents will also need to keep all of the receipts they acquire while purchasing new living items during their displacement.

"We encourage individuals affected by the disaster to remain cautious and return home only when it is safe to do so," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. "Property owners should document all losses and damage by taking photos first, or making a list, and then begin immediately removing all damaged personal property to help combat mold and other health hazards and move forward in the recovery process."

Before making permanent repairs to your home such as drywall, structural components, electrical systems or plumbing, make sure you get the proper permits from the CNMI Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with local building codes.

For more information on local cleanup instructions and local permit requirements, contact the CNMI at (670) 237-8000. ***(FEMA)***

Sheh Bertram joins Bank of Hawaii as Sr. executive VP, information officer

HONOLULU—Sheh Bertram will join Bank of Hawaii as senior executive vice president and chief information officer on Sept. 14. She will be responsible for all areas of information technology, including businesses application management, distributed system support, business intelligence and information security. She will also be responsible for corporate sourcing, vendor management and the bank's proect office. In addition, Bertram will serve on the bank's Managing Committee, which currently has 14 members.

She joins Bank of Hawaii after 18 years of technology leadership with Zions Bancorporation, serving as its chief technology officer since 2011. Prior to Zions, Bertram held a variety of technology roles with Hughes Aircraft, Xerox Corp., Liberty Mutual Insurance, and First Security Bank.

Throughout her career, she has been champion for diversity in the workplace, and a strong advocate of employee education and career development. She was recognized with the Technology Excellence Award from the Salt Lake City Women's Tech Council in 2012 for "making an impact in technology, adding jobs to the local economy, mentoring young people and contributing to the community."

Bertram earned a bachelor's of science degree from UCLA in applied mathematics with an emphasis in computer science. ***(PR)***

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Shelters opened ahead of conditions from Atsani

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The three schools are Chacha Ocean View Middle School, Kagman High School, and Koblerville Elementary School.

Chacha's shelter manager is Vince Dela Cruz and he can be contacted at 664-4100 or 783-8988. The shelter manager for Kagman High is Leila Staffler and her number is 664-3780 or 783-8979. Rizalina P. Liwag is shelter manager for Koblerville Elementary and she may be contacted at 664-3965 or 783-8984.

Residents are asked to get in touch with the respective shelter managers should they need assistance in making their way to the nearest campus open for refuge.

The Joint Information Center, in association with the Office of the Governor and the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, urges the community to take caution as heavy weather conditions are expected as this system passes to the far north of the CNMI this week. ***(Joint Information Center)***

History conference cancelled

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council announced yesterday that the 3rd Marianas History Conference originally schedule to be held on Saipan on Sept. 4-6 has been cancelled due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Tentative plans call for this conference to be held on Saipan sometime in 2017.

Presenters who were scheduled to participate in this conference have been invited to have their papers included in an e-publication that will be made available to the public in the near future.

Additionally, the council is exploring the possibility of holding a mini-conference within the next few months that focuses on the issues associated with the U.S. military's plans for base development and training activities in the Marianas archipelago.

For more information contact council staff at 235-4785. ***(NMI Humanities Council)***

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

CDA FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

10:00 a.m. August 26, 27 and 28, 2015 | CDA Conference Room, 1st Floor

AUCTION PROCEDURE

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan at **10:00 a.m. August 26, 27 and 28, 2015,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
2. **Reserves.** The auction shall be held with reserves.
3. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone 234-7145 ext. 311, Fax, 235-7147.
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Lot 345 R 114 – Sinapalo, Rota

EA 109NEW-1 – Chalan Kiya

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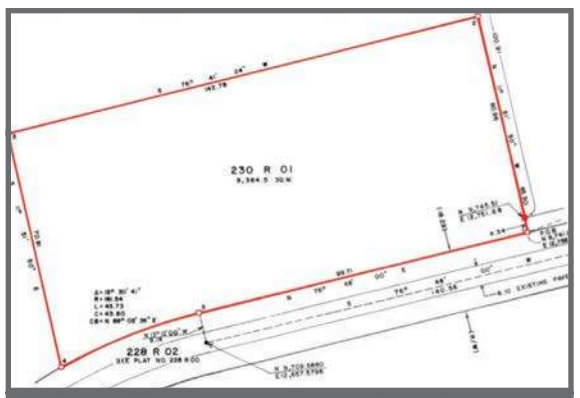

Lot 230 R 01 – Tatgua, Rota

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167 4New-5-2, Kannat Tabla

181N-R2 – 1811N-9, I-Rueda

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015

	Lot no.	Location	Size (sqm)	Description
1	345 R 114	Sinapalo, Rota	960	2 story house
2	230 R 01 Part of	Tatgua, Rota	9,384.5	vacant
3	Lot 565 R 02	As Nieves, Rota	3,000	vacant
4	167 R 03	Isang, Rota	30,000	vacant
5	131 T 31	Marpo, Tinian	1,322	one-story duplex
6	251 T 52	Marpo Valley, Tinian	2,049	vacant
7	251 T 53	Marpo, Valley, Tinian	5,522	vacant
8	031 T 19	Tachungya, Tinian	1,085	vacant
9	031 T 20	Tachungya, Tinian	1,080	vacant
10	031 T 21	Tachungya, Tinian	1,085	vacant
11	031 T 22	Tachungya, Tinian	1,089	vacant
12	031 T 23	Tachungya, Tinian	1089	vacant
13	268 T 05	Marpo, Tinian	32,707	vacant
14	118 T 09	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant
15	118 T 10	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant
16	118 T 11	Marpo, Tinian	962	vacant

10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015

17	EA 109NEW-1	Chalan Kiya	9,157	Improved 4 buildings
18	004 H 06	Dolores St. Chalan Kanoa	1,106	vacant
19	167 4 New-5-2	Tinekcha Ln. Kannat Tabla	1,401	vacant
20	Tr 22805-1-4	Chalan Santa Lourdes, As Teo	2,441	vacant
21	012 G 84	Laulau	1,220	vacant
22	012 G 85	Laulau	1,010	vacant
23	012 G 86	Laulau	1,010	vacant
24	012 H 87	Laulau	1,010	vacant
25	012 H 88	Laulau	1,130	vacant
26	012 H 89	Laulau	902	vacant
27	012 H 90	Laulau	902	vacant
28	012 G 92	Laulau	902	vacant
29	012 G 93	Laulau	902	vacant

10:00 a.m., Friday, August 28, 2015

30	1811N-R2	I-Rueda	2,548	vacant
31	1811N-2	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
32	1811N-3	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
33	1811N-4	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
34	1811N-5	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
35	1811N-6	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
36	1811N-7	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
37	1811N-8	I-Rueda	2,102	vacant
38	1811N-9	I-Rueda	2,548	vacant
39	EA 825 New-R5	As Lito Drive	9,263	vacant
40	Tr 21837-3 New-4	Kostat Dr., As Lito	3,000	vacant
41	Tr 21837-3 New-2	Kostat Dr., As Lito	750	vacant

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Time for candidates to focus on Asia

It's time for presidential candidates to pivot to Asia.

So far the endless quagmire in the Middle East has dominated candidates' discussion and debate of foreign affairs. That's important and America has an obligation to show leadership in the troubled region.

It's also instructive to learn which candidates are likely to repeat our terrible mistakes and ignore lessons we should have learned about the futility of military solutions to problems in a place defined by ancient religious rivalries.

But voters need to know where candidates stand on other overseas challenges the country will face in 2016 and beyond.

China now tops that list. Maintaining positive relations with this restless frenemy will have a much greater bearing on America's economic security and long-term prosperity.

The ascendant superpower is undergoing a transition. It's enjoying new levels of wealth and global influence. Yet its leaders are struggling to maintain the country's remarkable economic growth—growth that has also maintained internal stability.

With China's rise has come disconcerting nationalism. China is aggressively challenging borders in the Pacific, rattling U.S. allies in the region and testing boundaries drawn after World War II.

The U.S. response—including concerns expressed in May by U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter—has been outwardly dismissed by Chinese authorities and has stoked anti-Western sentiment in the country.

China's move this month to devalue its currency is also troubling. Rising wages were opening the door for the United States and other countries to expand manufacturing and compete. But that door will be slammed shut if China further manipulates its currency to maintain its cost advantage.

That follows China's moves to dissuade use of American technology products and turn to domestic suppliers, purportedly because of security concerns.

These moves affect the scarcity of jobs in America and the middle class' sense of falling behind, which remain top concerns of voters.

Yet instead of discussing how to win manufacturing back from China, increase trade and create jobs, politicians rail on about the boogeyman of illegal immigration—the rate of which has leveled off.

Candidates should also stop threatening to start another terrible, misguided war in the Persian Gulf. Instead, tell voters how America can respond to China's apparent intrusion into government computers and personnel files. Not to mention new revelations that Chinese security services are secretly operating on U.S. soil and harassing expatriates.

Perhaps candidates would focus more on Asia-Pacific issues if Washington, Oregon and California would get their act together with presidential primaries. All three states hold their primaries late, long after the March runoffs elsewhere in the country. The timing diminishes the influence these trade-oriented states have on campaigns.

Even so, the growing importance of China to the entire country demands that presidential candidates discuss the Middle Kingdom as well as the Middle East.

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The butt end of Aloha

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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During JFK's watch, there were plans to convert the U.S. Territory of the Pacific to join the State of Hawaii. Uninhabited northwest Hawaii are not unlike the NMI and it would have made quite a state to administer.

Hawaii observes its entry as the 50th State of the Union on the third Friday of August. This event was longed for by Washington, D.C.'s imperial impulse to join European allies in parceling out the Orient into respective domains.

Missionaries from New England influenced Polynesia, got Hawaiian royalty wearing frills and tailcoats but the U.S. Navy needed a coaling station; Pearl Harbor was just fine for the purpose.

Southern gentlemen opposed the cheap sugar business the islands developed, but industrialists from the north dollar-gleamed into China and took to *Iolani* Palace to banish Kamehameha's kin and Kalakaua progenies. President Clinton apologized a century later for the militant and Enfield-triggered indiscretion!

After the Spanish-American War, Dewey and his command took Hagatña and the Manila harbor until vets from the Native American War, still wearing their wools and mitts, ran into a taste of Samar opposition that marked a *My Lai* response on local forces. The bloody resistance against alien rule made Washington rethink the whole strategy of moving into the Orient, reverting to indirect rule, not over folks but through local vested leadership.

We did that in China but Chiang's *mienzi* could not countenance Stillwell; still, we backed Chiang in Taiwan until Nixon finally saw the wisdom of having tea with Mao Zedong and heed the Kissinger-Chou En Lai connection.

The Germans established their empire, *inter alia,* took in islands of Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia, abandoning it during WWI, leaving *Meiji* Japan and England to divide the Pacific with those north of the Equator fluttering the red sun banner, and those south the Union Jack.

"Peace in diversity" was Saipan Liberation month's theme this year, a rather auspicious slogan from the island where we assembled and flew over the only uranium and plutonium atomic bombs used on an innocent human population.

Butt end is in reference to the last in line in any grouping, and Hawaii as the last state to join the Union (so far) definitely fits the bill, but also because in Hawaii, particularly Waikiki and beaches, the butt end prevails. *Piguo* was one of the first Chinese words I learned, generally flat (not all) on the Chinese physique. My use of the term on the state is a double entendre as Hawaii not only is the last that joined the Union but also displays back ends prominently up Waikiki Way, IMH sexist O!

The cost of living in Hawaii is prohibitive. But first, the popular nicknames of the islands in the order of their sizes. *Hawai'i* the largest is the Big Island (duh!), *Maui* is the Valley Isle, *O'ahu* of Honolulu is the Gathering Place, *Kaua'i* the Garden Isle, *Moloka'i* the Friendly Isle, *Lana'i* the Pineapple Isle, *Ni'ihau* the strictly native Hawaiian isle of 70 sq. mile with its less than 200 inhabitants in 2010 is the Forbidden Isle, and *Kaho'olawe* the Target Isle was once a live-fire training ground (uh, their Medinilla) before it became a reserve park (uh, not a chance for our Farallon).

The preceding are windward southeastern islands; the leeward northwestern ones extend from Kure northwest of Midway to Ni'ihau, slightly more latitudinal than longitudinal, but terrain-wise, this part of Hawaii looks like the Northern Mariana Islands.

The demographic divisions have mixed ethnicity ascending to be the dominant group. In addition, three distinguishable groups are native Hawaiian, Caucasian and Japanese, with Filipino, Chinese and Korean behind but ahead of Pacific Islanders. Retired rich Caucasians increased of late while the *Kama'aina* (native born of any race) moved to less expensive grounds on the mainland. The mention of the well-off from the rest of the world retiring to Paradise Isles is appropriate in this weekend's Senior Citizen's day!

The peopling of Hawaii began with Marquesas and Tahiti, the sailors canoeing northeast before heading westward to Hawaii, written beautifully by Michener; the isles later turned into the hub of the Pacific whaling trade (Cook was killed on the Big Island), and later, the sugar industry. The territory was established in 1900 and Congress recognized statehood in 1959. On the third Friday of August, Statehood Day in Hawaii is as happy as a deaf ear in the midst of flying fireworks.

Ben Cayetano summed up what was at once a nebulous and precise Hawaii statehood outlook: *"The people of Hawaii enjoy a diversity unlike any state in the nation. We are committed to ensuring unity and equality for all of our residents. While we celebrate the differences that define and enrich our island culture, we also treasure our identity as Americans and affirm our shared commitment to a happier and more prosperous future for all."*

I *shaka* Miley Cyrus wannabes' twerking 'til *mañana*. Aloha!

Following the stars

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Given that the power grid is messed up, thus making it hard for everyone to follow their favorite stars on TV, I'll nominate a show put on by the Mother Nature network. Playing now, on a patch of sky near you, is the Summer Triangle. The plot not only features a monster star, but also two separated lovers and a vengeful in-law.

Ah, the Summer Triangle. I mention it sometimes. This is one such time.

The Summer Triangle is formed by three bright stars. In descending order of brightness these are Vega, Altair, and Deneb. Vega is one of the brightest stars in the sky.

At 9pm tonight if you look due north from Saipan, and track your gaze up from the horizon by about 66 degrees, you'll (a) get dizzy and fall on your butt, and (b) you'll see Vega.

Easy? Well, yeah, but as a public service, I'll note that you should put your beer down before performing this exercise.

I'll also note that if you hold out your fist at arm's length, like you're holding out an ice cream cone, your fist covers 10 degrees of vertical arc. That's nature's own protractor, right there, built-in so well that we can't forget it in our locker.

Unfortunately, the higher we get in the sky, the harder it is to describe anything. Altair is on a diagonal, up and to the right, from Vega by about three fists. Deneb is on a diagonal, down and to the right, from Vega by about two fists. This should do the trick, but, as a fallback, I'll note that the Web is abundant with simple charts for the Summer Triangle.

The shiny band of the Milky Way galaxy runs right through the Summer Triangle. This provides a handy way to sort things out, at least if the skies are clear enough to show some detail. Vega is clearly on one side, and clear of, this band. Deneb is in the middle of the band. Altar stands on the edge of the band, opposite Vega's side. The band is streaked with dark rifts.

One such rift brings us to the romantic drama in the Summer Triangle.

Aug. 20 marked this year's Chinese "Seventh Eve" holiday, a rough equivalent of Valentine's Day. If you're wondering where that "seventh" comes from, it's a hallmark of the Chinese lunar calendar, where the Seventh Eve falls on the seventh day of the seventh month.

Calendars might be different, but the stars are the same. The Chinese Seventh Eve's legend heeds Vega and Altair, and, notably, the dark galactic rift between them. The stars represent a husband and wife who have been separated by a disapproving celestial mother-in-law (or, perhaps, grandmother-in-law; I've heard this legend several ways). Such are the risks of marrying an earth-borne maiden with a heavenly pedigree. Fortunately, the couple is said to get reunited on the Seventh Eve, thanks to birds that fly up to build a bridge over the rift.

Meanwhile, back on the islands, there is a book that covers some of the words used in Micronesia for various stars. I think that Altair is one such star. The book is *The Lexicon of Proto-Oceanic: The Culture and Environment of Ancestral Oceanic Society. The physical environment. Volume 2.* It came out in 2011, and the authors are Malcolm Ross, Andrew Pawley, and Meredith Osmond. I haven't seen the book, only references to it, but it seems like an interesting topic.

Moving away from the equator to the higher northern latitudes, the Summer Triangle is regarded as a harbinger of the warm season and is recognized even by people who aren't sky-nerds. I guess this sort of awareness is fading, though, since attention has shifted toward electronic screens and the great indoors.

Anyway, as you can see, the Summer Triangle has certainly earned its celebrity status.

Now, for enquiring minds, we can dish some gossip about these stars.

As for Vega, it appears so bright because it's so close to Earth. It's 25 light-years away, which, on the star-gazing scale, is just next door. In terms of appearance, Vega is pretty average.

Altair, for its part, is, like Vega, pretty much an average-looking next door neighbor at 17 light-years distance.

Meanwhile, although Deneb appears to us as the dullard of the trio, it's really the superstar of the bunch. At 1,400 light-years away (depending on who you ask), it's one of the most distant stars you're likely to see. This vast distance dilutes the impact of its flame-thrower brightness—we're talking 70,000 to 200,000 times brighter than the sun!

That's because not only is Deneb 200 times the diameter of the sun, but it also burns far hotter at a toasty 15,000 degrees F. And you thought Saipan's tourists get sunburned. Just imagine a weekend orbiting Club Deneb. You'd better pack your 7-billion SPF lotion and your ionized carbon Speedos.

Anyway, that's the latest scoop on a favorite celestial celebrity. Hopefully this will provide some entertainment until the TVs come back on.

Beyond limited vision

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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For decades, we've learned to settle and believe in our physical size, e.g., small islands, therefore small economy. Economists and social experts have pounded this message time and again. The net effect is its limiting effects in how we view ourselves as to stifle our vision almost completely.

This view is what neocolonialism is all about—limiting our vision and beliefs—so we settle for sheer physical size. Furthermore, we ignored pertinent Covenant provision that allows the CNMI economic assistance from economies of scale nearby but must be coursed through appropriate protocol via the U.S. Department of State.

Foremost, we must come to terms with the fact that the entire global village is interconnected in so many areas, e.g., movement of investment money, professional and technical workers, trade in a myriad of goods, shipping, technology in medicine, including applied technology in fishing and farming beyond our woefully limited conventional wisdom. But we need to identify and formulate programs that we wish to develop with the help of countries nearby that excel in, e.g., farming and fishing.

Remember we once had a healthy copra sector. Why did we trash it altogether? Did you know that this is nearly a billion dollar business in the Philippines? We also used to grow cacao that fizzled out over decades. This too is healthy food that rakes in millions of dollars in the Pearl of the Orient. Its applied technology on farming and fishing could benefit the CNMI in ways that would make both sectors healthy and thriving down the road. We could seek assistance from the University of the Philippines, Tokyo, and other higher institutions of learning nearby.

There's just a dire need to grow other economic sectors here beyond the fickle tourism industry to support the local coffers on a steady basis moving forward. Must open our eyes to what's known as "anchor" investments that feeds and holds the local economy on a sturdy basis. All these could be done if we use our cranium to challenge conventional wisdom. This curse must also pass!

Oh, we were born with small islands that expand yearly from volcanic eruptions. We also were born with the vastness of the sea around our shores. Isn't there something downstairs that we could harvest for the local economy? But this takes appropriate protocol through the U.S. Department of State. Let's put our marbles together and embark on this long but sturdy economic journey.

Helping the less fortunate: Are there folks here who live below abject poverty level, basically incapable of helping themselves? How I wish there's sufficient courage to boldly declare: There isn't, thus end of story!

But such isn't the case at all. Sadly, there are those with "at risk" children we've failed to reach out with the conviction of helping them rebuild a hopeful tomorrow beyond the filthy mud of negligence on the part of the system.

I came across several couples that never graduated from high school in recent years. Though they work in menial jobs some 18 hours a day, it's literally a struggle making ends meet. I was seriously taken aback by meeting couples panting for air in this situation. I could have easily dismissed it as their problem. But it is these folks whom the system has failed to reach out with commitment to guide and help them until they could be on their own.

I also had the opportunity to watch one of these kids (deaf and mute) at a happy gathering of folks from all over. One of his parents is afflicted with a long-term illness and could hardly help him. In the corner of my mind, I tried to figure out how the kid goes through the day a handicap himself. It definitely bothered my conscience. What's my point?

The social programs or overall system that we have in government have obviously failed these folks whose dire condition needed intervention of sort. The collective agencies could do a lot to help them get from point A to B, however gradual it may be.

It takes a commitment to fulfill fiduciary duties to reach these folks beyond morning coffee at the office and elsewhere. You're getting paid to assist. Could you lay down your guard of superficial self-importance and start helping? Obviously, your failure and negligence on this score is highly measurable. Hell, we'll help you conduct your own performance rating!

Salute to Sablan: A dear friend and an uncle, Uncle Manny T. Sablan has moved on, closing the chapter as the last of his generation. He was a Micronesia-wide head of law enforcement under the TTG and knows the region well.

I relish the time we spent together as employees at the Legislature. I was especially fond of his quick wit, intelligence, and keen powers of observations on local issues. And I'm always the grasshopper that needed to listen to the words of wisdom from my elders like Uncle Manny.

He's a very close friend of my late dad and shared many triumphs in the victory clinched by the famous Saipan Team between here and Guam. For all you are Uncle Manny, thanks for your wise counsel and tons of beautiful music you've shared with me through the years. *Bien felis* as you begin another joyful conversation on baseball with my late dad. *Pot todu, i tinayuyot mame yan un` dañkulu na Si Yuus Maase`!*

Kilili listens: I may have had my differences with Kilili on issues, though mindful that I can't change the conduct of business in Washington via critical authorial fiat. But we both agreed to call a spade a spade.

Humbling though his ability to "listen" to folks from all walks of life. Listening is the most important trait of leadership. Nothing else! There's a difference between leadership and followership. Kilili is in the former, the rest are scrambling for space on the latter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take action and speak up on DEIS

There are many reasons to consider preparing and submitting comments to the military on the DEIS for Tinian and Pagan islands in October. Here are some examples of why it is important to take action and to speak up.

Last time I recall, the United States was a free country and not communist Russia or China. Last time I recall, this nation was supposed to have a government of, for, and by all the people, not just for most of the people. Last time I recall, the government of this nation was supposed to represent the will of the people and protect individual rights and community concerns, not just concerns of citizens residing in the continental U.S., Hawaii, or Alaska. Last time I checked, Americans living in the Mariana Islands cannot vote for president, have no real voting representation in Congress and have no formal representative to speak on their behalf at most mid-level government discussions and are totally absent from participating in high-level government conversations. It is therefore in the best long-term interests of Chamorros and all residents of the Mariana Islands to at the very least prepare and submit comments on the DEIS for Tinian and Pagan.

Last time I recall, Guam, as one example, had among the highest rates of military service and killed-in-action rates on a per capita basis nationwide and so if we were courageous enough to serve in the military and courageous enough to help protect this nation and courageous enough to contribute to fighting its wars based on policies that at times are incomplete and ambiguous, we should be courageous enough to actively participate in all opportunities that are presented to us as Americans to voice our concerns and challenges regarding the DEIS for Tinian and Pagan islands.

The active duty military stationed in Guam continue to ask islanders informally to support the transformation, arguing that we are "Americans" and it is therefore our right and responsibility to do so. As usual, though, the military is focusing on only one of several frames of reference and fails to state that the Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army and national intelligence communities do not own notions of patriotism nor do these communities have exclusivity, trademark, or advantage on notions of citizenship, commitment, and honor to this nation. The discussion needs to be expanded and one effective way to grow the conversation is to submit comments on the DEIS, pointing out what's missing, what's lacking, what's wrong, and what's conveyed. We have the responsibility to do so because this is our country too and part of the American patchwork is that portion belonging to the Chamorro and Carolinian people from the Mariana Islands.

Rick Perez
Hanover, NH

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 25 to 35 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

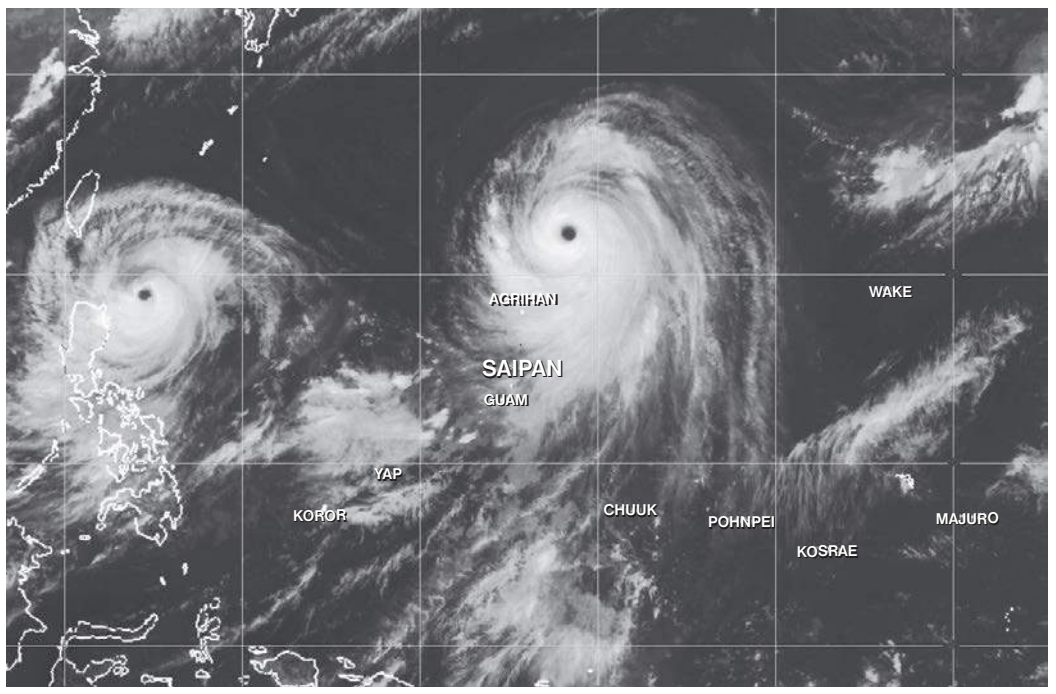
SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Atsani (17W) is centered 295 miles northeast of Agrihan near 22N149E moving northwest at 14 mph with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 16N and 25N from 145E to 154E. For more information on Super Typhoon Atsani, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Scattered showers and thunderstorms associated with monsoonal winds southwest of Super Typhoon Atsani are seen north of Koror and Yap between 10N and 15N from 132E to 141E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk south of a line from EQ143E to 7N149E to EQ154E. A surface trough stretches east from northwest of Kwajalein at 12N164E through the date line at 12N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Kwajalein between 10N and 14N from 164E to 169E and east of Majuro east of a line from 7N173E to 18N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼47
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼68
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲89	▼78
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲62	▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼75
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼77
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼65
Pusan	Rain	▲79	▼72
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼58
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼69
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼72

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
12:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
6:49 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:00 AM	10:55 PM
Saturday	11:49 AM	11:39 PM
Sunday	12:40 PM	
Monday	1:32 PM	12:26 AM
Tuesday	2:26 PM	1:16 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Notorious burglar pleads guilty to another burglary

McPeterson C. Tipengeni, a 22-year-old notorious burglar, pleaded guilty on Wednesday for breaking into another house in Garapan to steal food.

Tipingeni, a Chuukese, pleaded guilty to burglary as part of a plea deal. He will be sentenced on Sept. 9, 2015 at 1:30pm.

Tipingeni, through assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, waived his right to have a presentence investigation report.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government. Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman presided.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Tipingeni with one count of burglary. The OAG also filed a petition to revoke Tipingeni's probation in his 2013 burglary conviction.

Tipingeni's latest plea deal resolves the two cases.

Under the agreement, he shall be sentenced to between zero days and three years. He will be given credit for time served.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on May 5, 2015 on Saipan, Tipingeni broke into a woman's home with the intent to take food.

Tipingeni will be prohibited from having or indirect contact with the victim and New Wave Dental during the three years of supervised probation. He will be required to write a letter of apology to the victim, perform 300 hours of community service, and pay a $100 fine plus court costs.

Police detective Daniel T. Joab stated in his report that the victim called the 911 last May 5 at 6:37pm after she saw a man in her backyard, looking into her kitchen window.

The victim told the responding officer that she was taking a nap on the sofa when she heard a noise in the backyard and saw a man. She shouted at the man, who then immediately climbed over the fence to the other side of the house.

The woman also disclosed that a day before, at 10pm, while she was working on the computer in the living room, she saw the same man trying to enter her house. She shouted at the suspect, who was later identified as Tipengeni, to close the door, but he walked away.

While two police officers were making a routine patrol in Lower Miha the following day, they saw Tipengeni, who was lying on the ground near an abandoned house in Lower Miha.

The victim was brought to the location, where she identified Tipengeni as the man who entered her house twice.

Police learned that Tipengeni's aunt also filed a complaint after he also burglarized her house last Feb. 17.

In September 2013, Wiseman sentenced Tipingeni to nine months for entering into a hotel staff housing in China Town, Garapan, in the early morning hours on New Year's Day in 2013, traumatizing a 13-year-old girl. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Naval Base Guam conducts Citadel Pacific

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam, along with various Navy first responders will participate the annual Commander, Naval Installations Command anti-terrorism exercise called Citadel Pacific 2015, Aug. 24-27.

The exercise involves various training scenarios that replicate real-world events, and is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units. CP15 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.

During CP15, first responders will have to react to a crisis, which may result in elevating the Force Protection Condition of the base. Residents and patrons are advised that during the week the FPCON will change, requiring full ID card checks at the gates. Additionally, the Trusted Traveler program—a program that authorizes DoD ID card holders to escort guests onto NBG—will be suspended during the higher FPCON. All vehicle occupants will be required to provide an approved base access credential.

There is the possibility of increased patrols and security activity on and around NBG as a result of this planned exercise. Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access.

As part of the exercise, the NBG Giant Voice system will be activated, and residents in surrounding areas of the GV speakers will hear exercise announcements regarding Force Protection Conditions throughout the week. ***(PR)***

MAKING DO
Police detectives assist Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crews in providing free water supply from a fire hydrant near the CMS Quarry in Kannat Tabla on Tuesday afternoon. Kannat Tabla residents are requesting CUC to instead open the pipeline into their village at least one to two hours a day. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, through Friday, Aug. 28, 2015, will be 7:30am to 5pm. Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Restoration of regular business hours for the week has been accomplished with the assistance of the 19th Legislature. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. Marines and U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 23 from 10am to 5pm
- Aug. 25-26 from noon to 8pm
- Aug. 27 from 2:30pm-8:30pm
- Aug. 28 from 8am to 4pm
- Aug. 29 from 10am to 5pm
- The Marines will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:
- Aug. 27 from 2:30pm-8:30pm
- Aug. 28 from 8am to 5pm
- Aug. 29 from 10am to 5pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00»N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday, Mrs. Teresita Masga! Stay as "golden" as the sun, and as beautiful as the clear blue sky! We love you so much! Greetings come from your Little Masga Clan.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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All interested applicants may get application at Pizza Hut Restaurant in Gualo Rai • Closing Date: August 28, 2015

NMC to host free information session on Aug. 29

To provide students an opportunity to learn more about planned adjustments for the upcoming fall 2015 semester, updates to the registration process, and other important enrollment information, the Northern Marianas College is hosting an info session on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, for new as well as ongoing students at the Napu Room at Pacific Islands Club.

The information session will be held from 10am to 11am for new and prospective students and from 11am to 12pm for ongoing NMC students. It will focus on key changes to the fall 2015 semester schedule in light of recovery and rebuilding efforts made necessary by Typhoon Soudelor. College representatives will also discuss financial aid opportunities and new initiatives.

College personnel from the different degree and certificate programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions, will be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions.

The deadline for submitting admission applications for the fall 2015 semester is on Sept. 8, 2015. The first day of classes is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2015. Other relevant fall 2015 dates will be posted to www.marianas.edu.

Those who attend the information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming fall 2015 semester. This represents a savings of up to $75.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (new); associate degrees business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact (670) 234-5484, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

SIDEBAR

NMC summer semester resumes next week

The Northern Marianas College announced that Session II of the 2015 summer semester, which had been temporarily suspended due to Typhoon Soudelor, will be resuming next week from Aug. 24, 2015, through Aug. 28, 2015.

The continuation of the summer 2015 semester follows the schedule that was implemented prior to the storm. Finals for Session II will be held on Aug. 28, 2015. The complete schedule for the summer semester has been sent to all students through their college email and has been posted on NMC's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Additional updates and other information regarding the 2015 fall semester, which will start Sept. 28, 2015, will be announced separately. The college will also continue to post updates to NMC's website www.marianas.edu (which should be updated by today); Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/NMC.Proa); and Twitter feed (@GoProa).

If you have any questions and have limited access to email, call 234-5484 (between 8am and 12pm this week, and 8am to 5pm next week). ***(NMC)***

TYPHOON RELIEF CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nanbo Insurance donates $3,000 to the American Red Cross for Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on Saipan. From left, Anne Takano, Underwriting Manager; Aggie J. Suk, Customer Service Representative Supervisor; Chita Blaise, CEO, Guam Chapter of American Red Cross; and account executive Nancy Reyes are shown during a check presentation held on Aug. 18, 2015.

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Thank you
Kim, Dong Wan
President

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-007-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for Solid Waste Collection Services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The successful bidder will be awarded 2 years to perform the services with option to renew for an additional 2 years at the sole discretion of the CPA.

The bid package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor at the Arrival Building beginning July 28, 2015. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for the Solid Waste Collection Services at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, project No. CPA-IFB-007-15". One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00am, August 20, 2015 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of bidder's preparation of the bid or supply under the contract. This IFB does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure a contract for services.

All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/
MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Date: 22, July 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE
August 12, 2015

DUE TO THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF TYPHOON SOUDELOR, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO CDA CLIENTS BY MEANS OF LOAN PAYMENT DEFERMENT OF THREE (3) MONTHS AND ADDITIONAL THREE (3) MONTHS IF NECESSARY; AND, CONCURRENTLY CEASES ALL ACCRUING INTERESTS DURING THIS PERIOD.

ALL CDA CLIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT CDA AND SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST IN WRITING, ATTENTION:

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IN RE ESTATE OF	**Civil Action NO.: 15-0121**
KIO FUJI,	**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**
DECEASED	**DATE: 8/25/2015**
	TIME: 1:30 PM
	JUDEGE: DAVID A. WISEMAN

TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF KIO FUJI, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Auralou Sabangan, has filed with the Clerk of this Court a Petition for Appointment for the Estate of Kio Fuji, deceased.

The petition is set for hearing at 1:30 p.m. on August 25, 2015 at the Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any person who has any objection to the petition may file his or her objection with the Superior Court at any time before the hearing to present such objection or interest in the above captioned matter.

Creditors and all persons having claims against the Decedent or of his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2015

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Soudelor causes over $500K in damage to 2 DPS facilities

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Typhoon Soudelor caused over $500,000 in damage to two facilities of the Department of Public Safety, according to DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero said the Boating Safety Section facility in Smiling Cove Marina and an impound warehouse in Lower Base both sustained major damage.

The extent of damage at the impound warehouse is such that DPS is advising owners to get their impounded vehicles and that they will not be assessed fees.

The Boating Safety Section suffered an estimated $300,000 in structural damage alone, while the impound warehouse sustained about $260,000.

Deleon Guerrero said the $300,000 is the preliminary estimate to restore full operational capability of the Boating Safety Section and does not include damaged equipment and other costs.

"It did incur extensive damage," he said, adding that they have been communicating with their grantor agency about this.

The commissioner said they are working on plans to build a temporary boat shed at the DPS main facility in Susupe and assigned one of DPS' buildings as temporary office for boating safety officers until such time that the Boating Safety facility is repaired and restored to its original state.

"Thankfully, none of the boats were damaged," he said. "The structure is a mess at this point. The roof flew out and all offices were flooded and all computer equipment got wet."

Deleon Guerrero said that Boating Safety remains closed to non-essential services. This means boat inspection and other services are suspended. Boating Safety officers, however, can still launch their boats for rescue operations.

The Boating Safety facility, he said, is now under a 24-hour security watch.

With respect to the impound facility, Deleon Guerrero said the warehouse was severely damaged and that some of the over 100 impounded vehicles were also damaged but minimally.

Deleon Guerrero said two police officers assigned at the impound facility were not able to escape during the typhoon.

"The officers, I consider them heroes at this point. They were so wet and had to hide on one of those metal beds," he said.

The commissioner said the situation at the impound area deteriorated fast, with pieces of debris hitting the windshield of the vehicle where the two officers initially sought shelter because of the powerful winds.

» DPS suspends impounding regulations, asks owners to get their impounded vehicles

The officers, he said, got out of the vehicle and hid under the metal bed.

Deleon Guerrero said the officers only got out of the facility during a pause in the strong winds, managing to proceed to DPS station. He said he does not know how they did it, considering the number of fallen trees and debris on the roads.

Deleon Guerrero said he requested that the regulations that allowed the impounding of these vehicles, as well as DPS' ability to hold them, be suspended until such time they are able to restore the facility back to its operating state.

"I am advising the public who have vehicles impounded to start making contact with DPS so they can claim their cars. We will not be assessing any fees at this point. We just want the cars out," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said they suspended the regulations for humanitarian considerations because a lot of people were affected by the typhoon.

"We don't want to continue to hold these vehicles in the facility until we're able to render the facility safe enough for us to continue to restore operations in that particular compound," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said a downed Commonwealth Utilities Corp. pole at Bureau of Motor Vehicle landed atop a crime scene vehicle, while other police vehicles had minor damage and blown out tires during the rescue operations at the height of Soudelor.

Senate unanimously OKs excise tax bill

The Legislature has approved another emergency bill, this time one that removes the excise taxes imposed on generators and household appliances during the declaration of a state of disaster.

House Bill 19-92 passed the Senate early this week on a unanimous vote. It will now be transmitted to the Office of the Governor for signing.

The proposed legislation limits the purchase to $6,000, and the generators and appliances should only be used for households and not for commercial purposes.

The IRS defines excise taxes as "taxes paid when purchases are made on a specific good, such as gasoline. Excise taxes are often included in the price of the product. There are also excise taxes on activities, such as on wagering or on highway usage by trucks."

The House of Representatives approved H.B. 19-92 and Senate Bill 19-59 during an emergency session last week.

H.B. 19-92, however, has yet to be transmitted to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said as of yesterday, there are no pending bills at the Office of the Governor.

Inos earlier signed S.B 19-59, which is now the "Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 2015" that permits a price freeze to be in effect until the end of a declaration of major disaster or significant emergency for the CNMI.

Earlier, Inos requested the Legislature to hold emergency sessions—particularly on the CNMI price freeze law—in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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Best Sunshine and Karidat distribute relief items

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Vice speaker Rafael Demapan and Imperial Pacific CSO Tao Xing help Karidat volunteers distribute relief items at Mt. Carmel Parish yesterday.

Karidat continues to hand out relief items to various parishes on Saipan.

For their third day, Karidat distributed at Mt. Carmel and San Antonio parishes in Chalan Kanoa and San Antonio. The usual 100 bags were increased to 200 for Mt. Carmel.

"We know some villages have greater population than others," Karidat executive director Laurie Ogumoro said. "We're trying to go by the village size."

Members of the CNMI 19th Legislature once again helped in handing out goods. Present in yesterday's distribution were Vice Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) and Reps. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

Today, Karidat will be at St. Jude, San Vicente, and Santa Soledad parishes.

On Wednesday, the organization distributed goods at Kristo Rai Parish in Garapan and San Jose Parish in Oleai.

Aside from the bags containing food, hygiene kits and butane gas, items from Best Sunshine International, Ltd. such as rice and water, were also distributed.

"Whatever donations come in, we try to distribute them," Ogumoro said.

In-kind donations worth $50,000 were given by Best Sunshine to Karidat for distribution.

Officials and volunteers from BSI also personally came to the distribution site to hand out items as well. Tao Xing, CSO of Imperial Pacific, which is BSI's mother company, and BSI chief operating officer Matthew Harkness were present.

"My role at the company is corporate social responsibility. It's defining the relationship with the community and identifying opportunities for us to contribute and be part of the community and make sure that our business benefits the local," Tao said.

He added that they continue to source and ship items as well as help in repacking the goods to be ready for distribution.

"I know this is a difficult time, but I truly believe that there is a better future lying before us," Tao said.

Skywalker donates drinks to clearing crews

In addition to the donation of some of the tents used during the Liberation Day Festival to non-profit organizations for use in the recovery efforts, Skywalker Communications Group has begun distributing cases of Gatorade drinks to the "heroes" who have been working day and night to restore the island of Saipan after the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor.

"The aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor brought our community to its knees. It not only damaged homes, it also damaged the spirits of our people,"said Dr. Hu Bo, managing director of the Skywalker Communications Group. "These heroes came out, braved the rain, the hot sun, and risked their lives and limbs just to start the process of restoring our island home. For that, we can't thank them enough. These heroes are the reason we are 'Saipan Strong.'"

On Aug. 2, 2015, Typhoon Soudelor ripped through the island of Saipan, causing injuries and destroying homes and the island's infrastructure. ***(BSI)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Crews of the Department of Public Works have their picture taken with Skywalker representatives during the presentation of Gatorade drinks.

Inos eyes 'typhoon shelters' for vulnerable CNMI houses

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If future plans push through, houses in vulnerable communities in the CNMI will have specially-designed "shelters" that can withstand devastating typhoons such as Soudelor.

The "typhoon shelters" will be located near or inside people's homes, and aside from providing a "safe zone," will also have built-in water catchment tanks and will ideally have emergency rations.

This is one of the plans that Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he is currently looking into, considering "the consequences of this storm," referring to Soudelor.

Inos said he will soon have discussions with the Department of Public Works, and other agencies such as the Commonwealth Zoning Board, and Northern Marianas Housing Corp., on the zoning and initial design of these shelters.

"What we can look at is a design for a family of three and a design for a family of five," Inos said, noting that the shelter should be "nothing fancy" but reliable and can provide safety for the family.

Inos said the shelter can be located in the basement, or can be above ground. One key component is that there should be a 500-gallon water tank that can be filled using a water catchment system.

The governor said the CNMI government can look into the tornado shelters used in the Midwestern states in the mainland.

He said other CNMI agencies such as Commonwealth Development Authority and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality can also be tapped for this future project.

Inos said he recognizes that concerns such as financing will also have to be taken into consideration.

Another possibility, he said, is if this project can be implemented with assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Inos said he has already asked an audience with the agencies, and that he plans to sit down and meet with them in a week's time.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort offers chainsaw services

This Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22 and 23, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort staff will be going around the Kagman community offering chainsaw services free of charge.

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If you would like to request for services, call LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort at 236-8888, deliver a map of your residence to our Front Desk, or you may fax a map to 236-8880. Please include a contact number and contact person.

Also, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, in conjunction with the Division of Environmental Quality is still providing non-potable water to residents. The distribution site is by the start of the walkway path coming from Kagman Market.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort is also proud to announce that it has opened its 18-hole East Course and 9-hole West Course, and it has resumed normal operational hours for its facilities.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort is committed to helping our community, and we will continue to find ways to provide assistance during this difficult time. ***(PR)***

Asia

Thai military says global terror link 'unlikely' in bombing

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's military junta said Thursday that this week's deadly bombing in downtown Bangkok that killed 20 people was "unlikely" to have been carried out by international terrorists.

Military spokesman Col. Winthai Suvaree also said that Chinese tourists, who were among the victims, were not the "direct target."

"The security agencies have collaborated with intelligence agencies from a lot of countries and have come to the same preliminary conclusion that the incident is unlikely to be linked to international terrorism," he said in a televised statement.

Winthai did not give any details on how authorities reached this conclusion, which raised questions after police issued an arrest warrant for the prime suspect, describing him as an unidentified "foreign" man.

At least 20 people were killed and more than 120 injured in Monday evening's blast at the Erawan Shrine, a popular tourist site that is known to attract Chinese visitors. Four Chinese citizens were among the dead.

A manhunt was underway for a man shown in a security video leaving a backpack at a popular Bangkok shrine just minutes before a bomb exploded there. Police released a sketch of the man on Tuesday depicting a young man wearing glasses, and the arrest warrant described him as a man with black, bushy hair, fair complexion with a prominent nose and thick lips.

Authorities have offered a 1 million baht ($28,000) reward for information leading to his arrest.

Two other people seen on the video near the man are also considered suspects in Monday's deadly bombing, police said late Wednesday.

The grainy security video shows the man, wearing a yellow T-shirt and shorts, sitting down on a bench at the shrine, taking off a black backpack and leaving it behind as he stands up and walks away. Time stamps show he left the shrine 15 minutes before the explosion, which struck just before 7 p.m.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Ex-S. Korean prime minister to go to prison over bribery

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A former South Korean prime minister will be sent to prison after the country's top court upheld her bribery conviction, court officials said Thursday. The Supreme Court said it had rejected the appeal by Han Myung-sook, who was sentenced to two years in prison for taking kickbacks from a businessman in a 2013 ruling by the Seoul High Court. Han has avoided jail since 2013 while she appealed the prison sentence. Supreme Court officials said their ruling is final and Han cannot appeal again. Han has denied her charges, saying investigations into the case were politically motivated. She served as South Korea's first female prime minister in 2006 and 2007 under late former President Roh Moo-hyun.

Newspaper publisher killed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A motorcycle-riding gunman has killed the publisher of a small newspaper in the southern Philippines, police said Wednesday. Colleagues of Gregorio Ybanez, publisher of Kabuhayan News Services and president of the Davao del Norte Press and Radio-TV Club, said they suspect his killing could be linked to his other job as a director of an electric cooperative. Investigators said they are looking into all possible motives. The gunman fled after shooting Ybanez as he entered his house in southern Tagum city Tuesday night. Ybanez died Wednesday. Presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma Jr. condemned the killing, saying police will bring the perpetrators to justice.

Indonesia says flight data recorder of plane still missing

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's Search and Rescue Agency said Wednesday that rescuers are still searching for one of the two "black boxes" from a passenger plane that crashed into a mountain over the weekend, killing all 54 people on board. Agency chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said people who reached the crash site on Tuesday had retrieved the cockpit voice recorder, but not the flight data recorder. Soelistyo earlier said both black boxes had been recovered. But on Wednesday he said officials had misinterpreted reports from rescuers at the scene. The cockpit voice recorder captures the pilots' conversations and any other noises in the cockpit, while the flight data recorder holds key details about the plane's speed, altitude, direction and the pilots' actions during the flight.

2 Filipino coast guard men escape from Abu Sayyaf extremists

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Two Philippine coast guard personnel who were threatened with beheading escaped from their Abu Sayyaf extremist captors when hundreds of troops stormed the militants' jungle base in the country's south, military officials said Thursday.

Government forces attacked the base on Wednesday in an attempt to rescue the two kidnapped coast guard personnel and other hostages in a mountainous area in Sulu province, sparking a clash in which up to 15 gunmen may have died, Army Brig. Gen. Alan Arrojado said, adding there has been no military casualties.

The two coast guard personnel managed to escape during the two-hour gunbattle, he said.

"They told me by phone that the militants panicked and fled in different directions after seeing that the army had come so close and had begun the assault," Arrojado told The Associated Press by phone from Sulu.

The two coast guard personnel were kidnapped along with a village leader in southern Zamboanga del Norte province in May. They were later taken to an Abu Sayyaf jungle base in Sulu and shown blindfolded in a video while a knife was held to the neck of one of the hostages.

The village leader was beheaded last week and the militants threatened to kill the two coast guard hostages if a ransom was not paid.

When the fighting eased by nightfall on Wednesday, five bodies of militants were spotted by troops. Intelligence reports indicated 10 other Abu Sayyaf fighters also died, Arrojado said.

A number of other hostages, including two Malaysians, are believed to be held in the same area. A Dutch bird watcher kidnapped nearly three years ago is believed to be held in Sulu by another Abu Sayyaf faction.

The Abu Sayyaf, with about 400 gunmen split into several factions, is on a U.S. list of terrorist organizations for deadly bomb attacks, kidnappings for ransom and beheadings.

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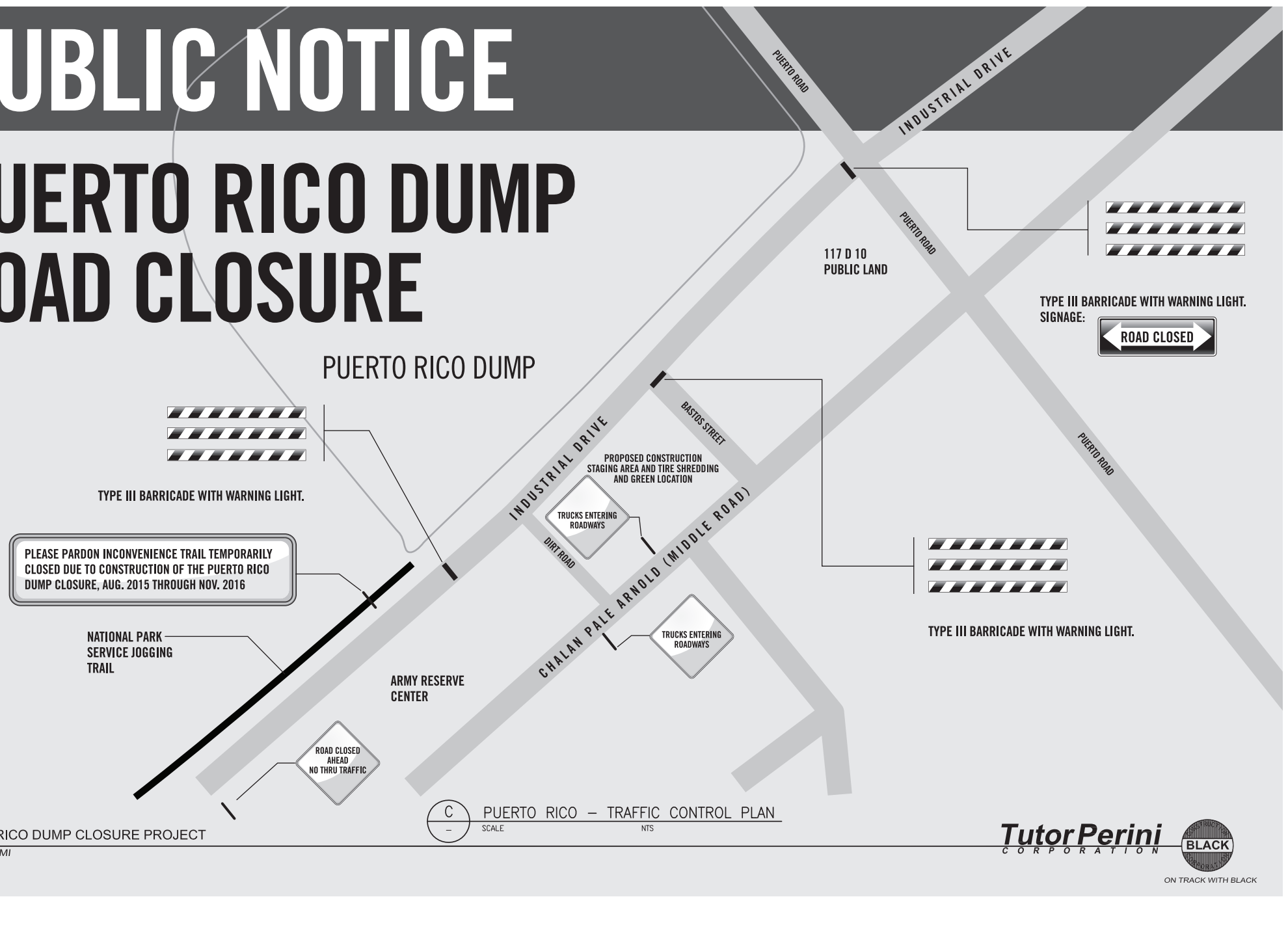

World

Ferry carrying 2,500 migrants reaches Greek port near Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A ferry carrying about 2,500 migrants who had arrived clandestinely on Greek islands from the nearby Turkish coast docked Thursday in Greece's main port of Piraeus near Athens.

Greece has been overwhelmed this year by record numbers of migrants arriving on its eastern Aegean islands, with more than 160,000 arriving since January.

The ferry was chartered by the government and served as a registration center on the eastern Aegean island of Kos this week. It left Kos on Wednesday with 1,300 migrants and picked up hundreds more from the islands of Leros, Kalymnos and Lesbos.

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CALAIS, France (AP)—Britain and France are fortifying security around the Channel Tunnel and boosting intelligence efforts against traffickers as they try to dissuade thousands of migrants from trying to make the illegal—and sometimes deadly—undersea journey to British shores.

Better fencing, surveillance cameras, flood lighting and infrared detection technology will be installed around the entrance to the Eurotunnel in the French port of Calais, as part of joint efforts being announced Thursday.

Calais has been a flashpoint in a European summer marked by unusually large waves of migrants. Since the start of June, at least 10 migrants have died trying to sneak through the Channel Tunnel in hopes of finding prosperity in Britain. Countless others have slipped through undetected on trucks and one recently on foot.

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The vast majority of migrants do not want to stay in the financially troubled country, where unemployment stands at more than 26 percent. They head north through the Balkans toward more prosperous European countries such as Germany, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries, where asylum conditions are better.

Germany says it could face as many as 800,000 migrants this year—four times the number from last year. Germany now handles 43 percent of all asylum applications in the 28-nation European Union and its top officials say Europe has to come up with a better way to share the burden.

Those arriving Thursday in Piraeus were boarding buses heading to the city's main train station. Many have ended up camping in parks and squares in Athens, although most catch trains to northern Greece and from there make their way to the border with Macedonia to continue their journey north.

A new migrant reception center has been opened in Athens to house up to about 700 migrants. So far about 300 have chosen to stay there.

The Greek government has appeared unprepared for the massive influx, with island authorities complaining they have been left understaffed to deal with hundreds of new migrants each day.

Massive car bomb explodes in Cairo, wounding 6 police

CAIRO (AP)—A massive car bomb exploded early Thursday near a national security building in a popular residential neighborhood in Cairo, wounding at least six police officers and blowing the facades off nearby buildings, Egyptian security officials said.

There were no immediate reports of deaths from the explosion, which demolished a wall in front of the government building and smashed its structure, leaving gaping holes exposing its offices. For blocks around the blast site in the popular Shubra el-Kheima neighborhood, glass from blown-out windows could be seen on the street.

Ambulances and fire trucks rushed to the scene, flooded with water from broken pipes from what authorities said was a blast from high explosives.

Emergency aid head Ahmed Al Ansari said the six wounded were being evacuated to nearby hospitals. Wrecked cars stood around the building, as Kalashnikov-wielding security forces patrolled the streets and set up roadblocks to ward off hysterical residents.

Inside his ruined clinic next door to the security building, plastic surgeon Gawad Mahoud lamented Egypt's troubles since the military ousted the country's first freely elected president, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi.

"We were here painting the office, and then it went off. It was like an earthquake, it blew the doors off and smashed all the windows in," he said. "The explosion sounded professional, it wasn't small time."

Access to the area was highly restricted, even in the minutes following the blast, with dozens of policemen, plainclothes and uniformed, discouraging any approach. At the site, press credentials of the few foreign journalists who managed to arrive were checked repeatedly by authorities.

Egypt has been wracked by a wave of attacks since President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi overthrew the divisive Morsi in 2013 and launched a major crackdown against his supporters and dissent in general.

Last weekend, he decreed a new anti-terrorism law presented amid a wave of attacks and killings this summer, including the assassination of Egypt's attorney general by a car bomb in Cairo.

Greece gets $14.5B to pay debts, part of new bailout

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece was receiving the first 13 billion-euro ($14.5 billion) payment of its new bailout Thursday, with 12 billion euros earmarked for repaying debts and the remainder for settling arrears to public sector suppliers.

Athens was using the funds to repay a 3.2 billion euro ($3.5 billion) debt installment due Thursday to the European Central Bank—an amount it could not have afforded to repay without the bailout from 18 other European nations that share the euro currency with Greece.

European bailout fund supervisors approved the release Wednesday evening.

Without the rescue loans—Greece's third bailout in little more than five years—the country would have defaulted on its debts and faced being forced out of the eurozone.

The new three-year bailout is worth 86 billion euros ($95.6 billion), and the disbursement of funds is dependent on the Greek government implementing a series of reforms, including steep tax hikes and spending cuts.

Accepting the conditions was a major reversal of policy for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and the coalition government between his radical left Syriza party and the small nationalist Independent Greeks. It has cost him a major rebellion within Syriza that threatens to split the party and could lead to an early election as soon as next month.

Tsipras has been contemplating his options after a parliament vote to approve the bailout conditions led to dozens of his own party lawmakers voting against him. Among the options being discussed are for him to call a vote of confidence in his government or to call an early election, potentially in September.

The government has said its main priority was to secure the bailout funding and the repayment of the ECB loan on Thursday, after which it would announce any further action.

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Daily rosary is being prayed every afternoon at 4:30 pm and Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul at Bithen delos Remedios Church in Tanapag at 5:30 pm.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015. His remains will be escorted from CHCC Chapel to Bithen delos Remedios Church at 7:30 am. Responso Service will be at 8:00 am followed by Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am. Interment Service will take place at Tanapag Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers,

Grace Alexander Pangelinan, Children & Family

Off The Wall

Tree pluribus unum: Many fruits stem from artists' grafts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Plums, peaches, nectarines and cherries all grow on just one of Sam Van Aken's fruit trees. The trees blossom in a riot of red, white and pink each spring.

The artist calls his creations the Tree of 40 Fruit. And the tree at Syracuse University, and others like it, really does bear 40 or more varieties of stone fruit, thanks to carefully planned grafts.

The hybrid trees provide both juicy fruit and food for thought about preserving agricultural heritage. But most of all, Van Aken wants to provoke a response.

"When somebody happens upon it and they see it blossom in these different colors and they see it growing all these different fruit ... there's this rethinking, there's this sort of moment that sort of interrupts the everyday," said Van Aken, who teaches art at the university.

Van Aken's first 40-fruit tree has been located for the past four years on the edge of a campus green. On a recent broiling summer day, Van Aken plucked a few yellow plums the size of golf balls and ducked under a low branch to give a trunk-to-leaf tour. Starting with a plum root stock, he has over the years grafted on a cornucopia of fruit.

"Right here is a nectarine. It comes out on a plum base, but it continues to grow up here, until you have peaches on the end," he said. "There's a couple of apricots that have been grafted on, and this out on the end is a red-leaf plum variety."

The tree project is an outgrowth of Van Aken's work as a sculptor—one used to working with nontraditional materials. Early on, he considered arranging different trees that blossomed at different times before realizing he could "collapse the entire orchard on to one tree." He decided to work with stone fruit—that is, fruit with pits.

"It actually started with a Tree of 100 Fruit," he said with a laugh. "I was sort of ambitious."

He eventually settled on 40, a number rich with biblical allusions, such as the 40 days and 40 nights of rain when Noah built an ark and the amount of time Jesus fasted. Van Aken was inspired to include harder-to-find fruits after reading a century-old book, "The Plums of New York," that listed hundreds upon hundreds of varieties. The abundance was strikingly different from the few types of purple plums found in modern supermarkets.

He stocked the campus nursery where he works with antique and heirloom varieties, including some from a now-defunct research orchard. Over time, he has collected more than 40 varieties of plums, peaches, nectarines, apricots, cherries and almonds that he can graft to his trees.

AP
In this Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 photo, different plum varieties grow on the same tree at a nursery at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

The trees can turn heads in the spring, when the multicolored blossoms signal something unusual. But people who walked by the Syracuse University tree on a recent day barely looked up from their phones to notice the subtle differences in fruit from branch to branch. University employee Karen Davis said she had heard of Van Aken's tree, but walked by it at least twice a day without realizing it.

"I heard about the tree but I didn't know it was right here," said Davis, who called it "fantastic."

Van Aken said there are 16 trees sited around the nation, mostly in the Northeast. More are being grown and grafted in the nursery, including eight that will be planted in downtown Syracuse next year.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NY governor: Topless women in Times Square breaking the law

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says women posing nearly naked for photos in Times Square are breaking the law and undermining efforts to keep the tourist area family friendly. Cuomo said Wednesday on NY1 that the situation is beginning to remind him of the seedy days of the "bad old Times Square." The women pose for photos with tourists in exchange for cash and often wear only body paint and a thong. Cuomo says the activity is interfering with "legitimate" businesses. Mayor Bill de Blasio said Tuesday that he believes the practice is "wrong" and that the city will take action. The governor says he also has concerns about performers dressed as cartoon characters who harass tourists into purchasing photos.

Woman's request in obituary: Don't vote for Hillary Clinton

RUNNEMEDE, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey woman has used her obituary to make a final request to friends and family: Please don't vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton for president. Elaine Fydrych's husband said Wednesday she was a registered Democrat and not "a political person." But he said she grew to strongly dislike Clinton after the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi and believed Clinton's handling of the matter as secretary of state was "terrible." Joe Fydrych, of Runnemede, said his 63-year-old wife told him a few weeks before she died Aug. 13 of her plan for her obituary. She told him it was up to him whether to include the line about Clinton, but he said he felt he had to honor his wife's wishes. The last line of her obituary says: "Elaine requests, `In lieu of flowers, please do not vote for Hillary Clinton.'"

Buffett fans scolded for leaving homemade toilets at show

MANSFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Parrotheads are apparently too busy wasting away in Margaritaville to wait in line for the bathroom. Mansfield police tell The Sun Chronicle that despite warnings against the practice, many fans at the Jimmy Buffett concert Saturday at the Xfinity Center brought homemade, portable toilets for the party in the parking lot. Lt. Sam Thompson says the most common model is a 5-gallon bucket with its rim lined with a foam pool noodle for a seat, stashed inside a tent. Thompson estimates that 75 to 100 people were instructed to take down makeshift outhouses, but officers found seven to 10 left behind after the show. Chief Ronald Sellon says it's "unsanitary and just disrespectful" to leave the latrines behind for others to dispose of, not to mention a health code violation.

Message of Appreciation

We are sincerely grateful for your prayers, generosity and contributions during this difficult time for our family.

†John Diaz Tudela, Jr.

Was a strong, supportive and loving son, father, brother and the rock of our family. He will be forever missed, but we will strive to perpetuate his memory and values, especially his compassion and determination. We are confident in stating he deeply appreciates the love shown by relatives and friends in the community both in his home island in Saipan and residency in Fremont, Nebraska.

On Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., a memorial service for our beloved was celebrated at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont, Deacon Alberto Martinez. Your thoughts, kind words and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Domo Arigato – Thank You

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Science & Technology

Stuff you didn't know you could do on Facebook

NEW YORK (AP)—Did you know you can add a pronunciation guide to your name on Facebook? Overlay colorful text on the photos you post? How about mark the end of a relationship without your 500 closest friends getting notified?

Many of these tips and tricks aren't well known, even to veterans of the 1.5 billion-strong people-connector and time-waster. Facebook is constantly updating its service, adding new features or tweaking old ones. A lot can slip through the cracks even if you are scrolling through your friends' updates several times a day.

Here are a few ways to enhance your Facebook experience:

HOW DO YOU SAY THAT?

More than 83 percent of Facebook's users are outside of the U.S. and Canada, and they use over 80 languages to communicate with friends and family. That's a lot of people, and a lot of different ways to say your name. To add a pronunciation guide, go to the "about" section of your profile and click on "details about you," (called "more about you" on mobile) then "name pronunciation." Here, Facebook will offer suggestions for your first and last name that you can listen to before selecting. If none work, you can also type in your own phonetic pronouncer.

ONE-TIME PASSWORD

Logging in from a public computer? If you don't feel comfortable typing in your password on a shared machine that might have malicious software, Facebook lets you request a temporary one by texting "otp" to 32665. You'll get an eight-character passcode that works for the next 20 minutes and cannot be reused.

UNSUBSCRIBE

Anyone who's commented on a popular Facebook post, or belongs to a particularly chatty group, knows that those notifications telling you that "Jane Doe and 4 others also commented on a post" can get a bit annoying. You can turn off notifications for individual posts by clicking on the globe icon on the top right corner of your Web browser, then on the "X" next to the individual notification. You can also change your notification settings here to get fewer or more of them for each group that you belong to.

To do this on mobile, click to view the original post, then click the down arrow in the top right corner of the post. You'll see an option to "turn off notifications."

KEEP IT ON THE DOWN-LOW

Announcing engagements and marriages on Facebook is fun. Post and watch the likes and congrats roll in. Bask in the love and glory. Fast-forward a few years for some couples, and the glory fades, not to mention the love and marriage. In this case, you might not want to announce the irreversible breakdown to 450 of your closest friends.

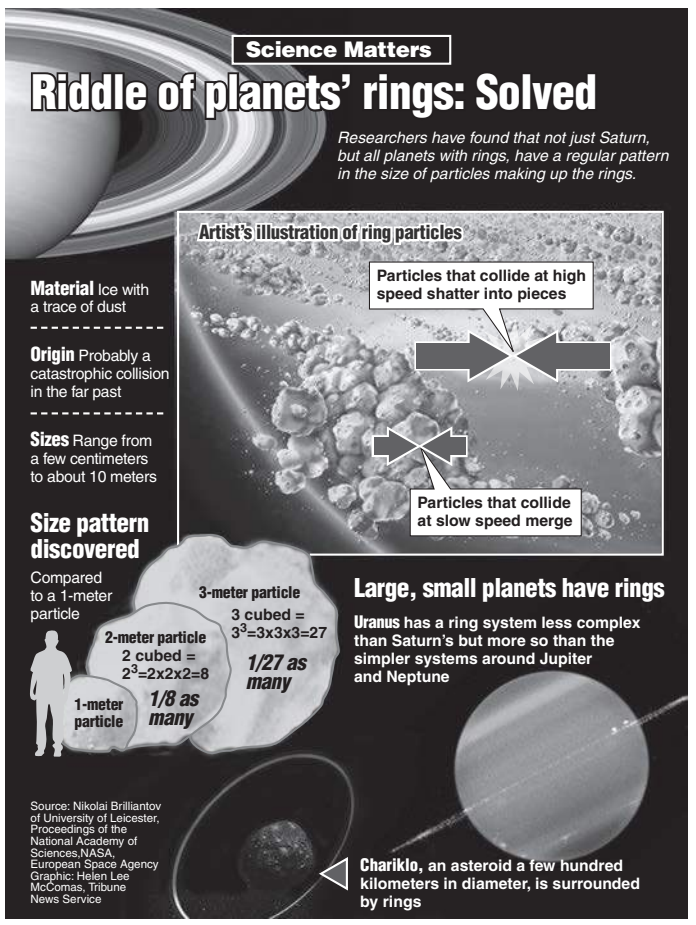
Thankfully, you can still mark the end of a relationship without notifying everyone. Go to your profile and click on the "about" section, then "family and relationships on the left." Under relationship, you'll see a gray icon that probably says "friends," or maybe "public." Change it to "only me." Then change your relationship status. After a while, you can change it back if you wish. Your hundreds of acquaintances will be none the wiser, unless they are stalking your profile to see if you are single.

PICTURE PERFECT

Thanks to a popular but little-known new feature, Facebook lets you spruce up the photos you post by adding text and quirky stickers, such as drawings of scuba gear, sunglasses or a corn dog. This tool is available on iPhones and is coming soon to Android devices. To use it, choose a photo to upload and click the magic wand icon. Here, you'll find text overlay options as well as the same stickers you can use in other parts of Facebook.

SECURITY CHECK

Another recent addition to Facebook's trove of tools is a "security checkup" that guides users through a checklist aimed at making their account more secure. This includes logging out of Facebook on Web browsers and apps they are not using, and receiving alerts when someone tries to log in to their account from an unfamiliar device or browser. To use it, go to https://www.facebook.com/help/securitycheckup on your computer—this feature is not yet available on the mobile app.


Science Matters
Riddle of planets' rings: Solved
Researchers have found that not just Saturn, but all planets with rings, have a regular pattern in the size of particles making up the rings.
Artist's illustration of ring particles
Particles that collide at high speed shatter into pieces
Particles that collide at slow speed merge
Material Ice with a trace of dust
Origin Probably a catastrophic collision in the far past
Sizes Range from a few centimeters to about 10 meters
Size pattern discovered
Compared to a 1-meter particle
1-meter particle
2-meter particle
2 cubed = 2³=2x2x2=8
1/8 as many
3-meter particle
3 cubed = 3³=3x3x3=27
1/27 as many
Large, small planets have rings
Uranus has a ring system less complex than Saturn's but more so than the simpler systems around Jupiter and Neptune
Chariklo, an asteroid a few hundred kilometers in diameter, is surrounded by rings
Source: Nikolai Brilliantov of University of Leicester, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences,NASA, European Space Agency
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

In Memory of

Herman Cruz Ada

Fondly known as Herman Katu or Ma'

Born to Life: February 17, 1953
Was called to Eternal Rest: August 10, 2015

He now joins his:

Parents: †Heronimo Alig and †Maria Torres Cruz Ada
Siblings: †Carmen C. Ada, †Jose C. Ada, †Joaquin C. Ada, †Francisco C. Ada, and †Vicente C. Ada
Son: †Rodney Taman Ada
Grandsons: †Donnico T. Teregeyo and †Bishop A. Hocog

In-laws:
Parents: †Guillermo S. and †Rosa Ng. Taman
Siblings: †Maria "Ruriko" C. Ada, †Joaquina L. Kaipat, †Joaquin Matsumiya, †Ceserio "Che" Reyes, †Inez O. Taman, †Rosa O. Taman, †Jose Ng. Taman, †Margarita Ng. Taman, †Teresa Ng. Taman, †Alonso Ng. Taman, †Consolacion Ng. Taman, †Vicente Ng. Taman, †Fernando Ng. Taman, †Rosario T. Rios, †Jacinto Ng. Taman, †Maria Ilibera T. Aichi, †Margarita S. Taman, †Juliana L. Reyes, †Toshie Ng. Taman, and †Dennis Aichi.

His memory will live forever in the hearts of his:

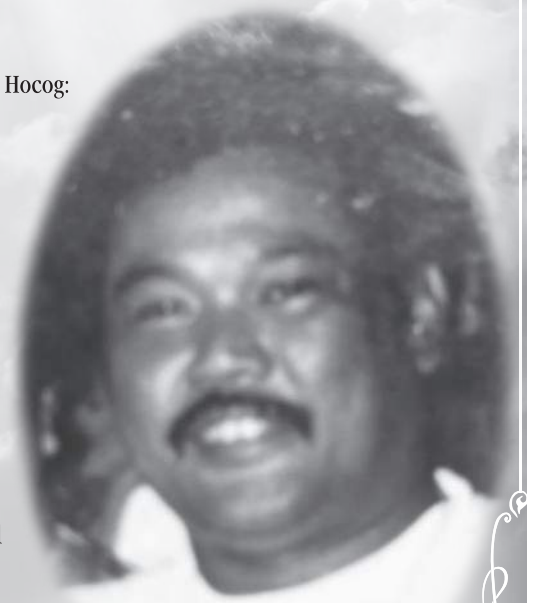
Wife: Thomasa "Bacha" Taman Ada
Brother: Victor Cruz Ada
Sister: Felisa A. Reyes

Chidren, Grand Children, and Great Grand Children:

Rosa T. and Juan T. Teregeyo:
Tiana Rose Taman
Johnavin T. Teregeyo and Verlyn Santos (Donnico S. Teregeyo)
Winona Jin T. Teregeyo
Jared T. Teregeyo

Rose T. Ada-Hocog and Derek T. Hocog:
Tamleen T. Ada
Loria Dee A. Hocog
Trey Loren A. Hocog
Tito Songao Hocog III

In-laws: Fermina S. Ada, Rosalinda G. Ada, Emiliana S. Ada, Telor Meliong, David N. Rios, and Dolores S. Taman.



His memory will also live in the hearts of his numerous nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles, God Children, and promise siblings.

His remains will leave the CHC Morgue on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 at 730am and will be brought to the San Antonio Church. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11am. Interment services will be held immediately after at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisou Tumoogh Ngeli Ghemi, and Thank you.

TECH Q&A

How to get extra high-speed memory for PC video editing

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I have a relatively new Toshiba Qosmio laptop that's designed for high-performance computer gaming and has a video accelerator card to improve graphics. But I use the laptop to run two video editing programs that require a lot of computing power.

Despite all the PC's power, I'm still getting stuttering playback on some of the videos I edit, even those with a limited number of special effects. I think this means I need more RAM (random access memory), so I've been trying use the additional RAM on the PC's video accelerator card, an Nvidia GeForce GTX 770M. But the video editing programs can't access that RAM. What can I do?—Paul Kinsella, Chanhassen, Minn.

A: You do need more high-speed memory for your video editing work. Typically that would mean more RAM, which can store and retrieve data much faster than a PC hard drive.

But you can't make your video editing programs access the extra RAM on your PC's video accelerator card, because that RAM is dedicated to gaming. And even if you could, it would add only 3 gigabytes to the 16 gigabytes of RAM that your PC already has.

A better way to get more high-speed memory is to use the Windows "ReadyBoost" feature that's been available since Windows Vista debuted in 2006. ReadyBoost allows your PC to supplement its RAM with as much as 256 gigabytes of high-speed memory from attached flash memory devices, such as USB flash drives (those using USB versions 2.0 or 3.0) or camera storage cards (those using the Secure Digital or CompactFlash formats). For details, including how to turn on ReadyBoost, see tinyurl.com/ns5bcmc.

The only situation in which ReadyBoost won't help is if you have the Toshiba Qosmio model that comes with both a hard disk drive and a 256-gigabyte "solid state drive," which is a flash memory device that fits inside the PC. The ReadyBoost feature is disabled if you're already using the solid state drive.

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Life & Style

Spinoff 'Fear the Walking Dead' strolls into view Sunday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two crucial questions await "Fear the Walking Dead," the spinoff to AMC's monster hit "The Walking Dead."

The first: How many zombies does it take to satisfy viewers of the new drama, which begins in the early days of the robust apocalypse underway in the original? The second: How big an audience is big enough when compared to its sibling?

Let executive producer Dave Erickson start with the latter for "Fear," its shorthand title, which debuts at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday with a six-episode run.

"If I woke up every morning (thinking) 'Oh, my God, 20 million viewers per episode,' I couldn't get out of bed," Erickson said, referring to the ballpark number of viewers "The Walking Dead" has approached in its highest-rated airings.

"We've written and (the cast) have played a very strong season. I think people will enjoy it and eventually love it for its own merits and how it complements the other show," he said.

AMC, in rebuilding mode after the departures of flagship series "Breaking Bad" and "Mad Men," already placed a 15-episode order for season two, a vote of confidence that the spinoff will prove a winner.

Devotees of "The Walking Dead," which is rife with zombie vs human action in its small-town Georgia setting, will find the undead in relatively short supply in the early going of "Fear." And "Walking Dead" isn't back until Oct. 11, so zombie fans are in the throes of withdrawal.

"We never (create) a story thinking we should add that because we're missing a zombie moment," Erickson said. "We have an episode with no zombies, and we'll probably have another episode in season two with no zombies. And that's OK."

But there are other satisfactions to be had. Unlike "Walking Dead," which opened in a post-apocalyptic world overrun by zombies, not-so-fondly nicknamed "walkers," the new series' initial focus is on setting and characters as they exist before the crisis takes hold.

The original series "is a brilliant construct, the way they elipsed over the actual apocalypse, the way they were able to jump into it," Erickson said in an interview. "Because we don't do that, we have an opportunity to explore a little more deeply and spend more time with it."

This photo provided by AMC shows, Kim Dickens, left, as Miranda and Cliff Curtis as Sean in a scene from "Fear the Walking Dead," season 1. AP

So will the origin of the zombie outbreak be revealed?

"No. Short answer, no," he said at a recent TV critics' meeting.

The presence of the "infected," as they're called here, is definitely spotty early on but still very, very scary.

"Fear" unfolds in the concrete jungle of Los Angeles, specifically East LA, and makes the most of its ordinariness. This isn't glitzy Hollywood or entitled Malibu getting its comeuppance; it's a hard-working, ethnically diverse community where residents cope with challenges familiar in urban America.

For the blended family of Madison Clark (Kim Dickens) and Travis Manawa (Cliff Curtis), that includes Madison's son Nick, a teen with a drug habit. He's played by British-born actor Frank Dillane (Tom Riddle Jr. in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"), here with a decided Johnny Depp-bad boy look and California vibe.

Other cast members include Ruben Blades, Mercedes Mason, Alycia Debnam Carey and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

The premiere's impressively cinematic opening sequence shows Nick coming to in an abandoned church serving as a shooting gallery for drug users. The waking nightmare he's destined to encounter is from the menace that's descending on the city, not just his addiction.

He's got the parental support he needs for both: His school counselor mom and her partner, a teacher, are mature and caring grown-ups with their hearts and minds in the right place.

The characters and the writing are what attracted Dickens and Curtis, although her first reaction was reluctance at tackling a horror series, a genre she hadn't worked in outside the 2000 sci-fi thriller "Hollow Man."

But, she said, "I loved it. And the more I read it, it seemed like the most fun character to play and exciting and challenging."

For Curtis, a New Zealand native of Maori descent, the chance to portray a man with a similar background was just part of what the series offered. He found the pilot "grounded" with a portrayal of usually overlooked East LA and with its fresh take on what masculinity can be for such a character.

A meal and a webcam form unlikely recipe for S. Korean fame

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Every evening, 14-year-old Kim Sung-jin orders fried chicken, delivery pizza or Chinese food to eat in a small room in his family's home south of Seoul. He gorges on food as he chats before a live camera with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of teenagers watching.

That's the show, and it makes Kim money: 2 million won ($1,700) in his most successful episode.

Better known to his viewers by the nickname Patoo, he is one of the youngest broadcasters on Afreeca TV, an app for live-broadcasting video online launched in 2006.

Kim, who has a delicate physique and chopstick-like slight limbs, has been broadcasting himself eating almost every evening since he was 11. Sometimes he invites friends to eat with him. To add fun, he once wore a blonde wig and dressed as a woman.

While the Internet has been making stars for years—from bloggers to gamers who play for millions of YouTube viewers—outsiders may find it puzzling, if not outright bizarre, for young people to spend hours watching someone eating. But in South Korea, Afreeca TV has become a big player in the Internet subculture and a crucial part of social life for teens.

In this Monday, Aug. 17, 2015 photo, Kim Sung-jin, 14, broadcasts himself eating delivery Chinese food in his room at home in Bucheon, south of Seoul, South Korea. AP

Shows like Kim's are known as "Meok Bang," a mash-up Korean word of broadcast and eating. They are the most popular and often most profitable among some 5,000 live shows that are aired live at any given moment on Afreeca TV.

Kim started the show essentially to find someone to eat with. His parents worked in another city so he was living with his grandparents, and they ate dinner so early he got hungry at night.

He says the show made his dining more regular, although most of his meals on Afreeca TV begin after 10 p.m. The show also brought him unexpected joy: He said that even though he's just an ordinary teenager, "people say hello to me on the street."

"I do what I want. That's the perk of a personal broadcast."

Many connect the popularity of Meok Bang to the increasing number of South Koreans who live alone, and to the strong social aspects of food in this society.

"Even if it is online, when someone talks while eating, the same words feel much more intimate," said Ahn Joon-soo, an executive at Afreeca TV. He noted South Koreans' common habit of bidding farewell to friends by saying, "Let's eat together next time," even when they don't literally mean it.

There are plenty of other quirky offerings on Afreeca TV. Late at night there is "Sool Bang"—broadcast drinking—in which melancholic South Koreans drink liquor alone discussing their tough lives. Then there is "Study Bang," or broadcast studying: A screen shows the hand of an unidentified person writing notes on a thick book under the light of a desk lamp.

About 60 percent of the 8 million unique monthly visitors to Afreeca TV are teens or in their 20s. That means nearly 40 percent of the 12.5 million South Koreans aged 10 to 30 watch a show on Afreeca TV at least once a month.

"Young generations believe that TV is naturally something like Afreeca TV where they can interact with broadcasters," said Ahn, the company executive. He believes TV in the long run will be completely replaced by such apps.

Cho Young-min, a 12-year-old who has watched an online game show on Afreeca TV since he was a third-grader, aspires to have his own show on Afreeca TV, not on the TV in the living room.

Ahn Won-jun, a 17-year-old high school student, said he prefers to eat dinner in his room to watch Kim's Meok Bang, rather than dining with his parents.

Kim isn't a particularly polite virtual dinner guest. He burps loudly before his audiences and sometimes walks off abruptly, announcing with some specificity that he needs to use the bathroom. He usually leaves his fans with a mission, during his absence, promising a prize to the person who last clicks the "like" button when he is back.

Hardcore Afreeca TV viewers are drawn to hosts like Kim because they can interact with them, unlike more distant TV stars. Fans say they feel their blood rush and heart flutter when a host reacts to their comments, singling them out in the stream of hundreds of live chat messages.

"I was so moved," said Lee Yeon-joo, a 15-year-old recalling the moment when a 26-year-old man read her message in the middle of his live show. "You cannot really approach celebrities."

Afreeca TV users can get broadcasters' attention by giving them "star balloons," which cost them about 10 cents apiece. The show hosts keep most of that money, though Afreeca TV takes a cut of up to 40 percent.

Most broadcasters, including Kim, are reluctant to reveal how much money they make. Afreeca TV said out of some 300,000 broadcasters who air their show at least once a month, top 500 make more than what one would normally make by working full time, but the company declined to be more specific. In 2013, a South Korea television network TV Chosun cited a lawmaker's office that the top Afreeca TV host earned 298 million won ($250,000) a year.

Live-streaming videos are going mainstream, both in South Korea and overseas.

In Asia, services such as YYTV in China have been in use by tens of millions of users for years, and also have developed ways to let broadcasters generate income.

Meerkat and Periscope from Twitter, two live-streaming apps in the U.S., were launched in March. Facebook is launching its own live-streaming service called Live, although it will be only available for famous people.

South Korean search giant Naver rushed to launch a real-time video service where K-pop stars can live-stream their behind-the-scenes lives. One of the most talked-about TV shows on a South Korean TV network this year was "My Little Television," which adopted similar features to Afreeca TV, such as the format of one person broadcasting a show live while responding to comments from viewers.

Afreeca TV's model may not translate across borders, however. The company's efforts to make inroads in Japan, Taiwan and the U.S. have met with little response.

Shannen Doherty's lawsuit reveals actress has breast cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shannen Doherty is battling breast cancer that worsened during a lapse in her health insurance caused by her former business managers, the actress claimed in a lawsuit filed Wednesday.

The former "Beverly Hills, 90210" star claims that her former business managers and accountants mismanaged her money and allowed her health insurance to lapse last year.

Because of that, she said she didn't go to the doctor until she had insurance and there was a delay in diagnosing her cancer, which will likely require more drastic treatments, including a possible mastectomy and chemotherapy.

Doherty, 44, received the diagnosis in March and her doctors have said earlier treatment might have stopped its spread, the lawsuit states.

AP

In this Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, actress Shannen Doherty, right, and Kurt Iswarienko attend 'The Gentleman's Ball' hosted by GQ Magazine at the Edison Ballroom in New York.

An attorney for the accounting firm Tanner Mainstain Glynn & Johnson denied the company caused Doherty's health insurance to lapse.

"Tanner Mainstain is saddened to learn that Ms. Doherty is suffering from cancer and wishes her a full recovery," the company's attorney, Randall J. Dean, wrote in a statement. "However, the claim that Tanner Mainstain caused her to be uninsured, prevented her from seeking medical care, or somehow contributed to her cancer is patently false. Tanner Mainstain will aggressively defend all of Ms. Doherty's claims in court." Doherty's husband, photographer Kurt Iswarienko, also is suing the firm and its former partner, Steven D. Blatt, accusing them of mismanaging the couple's money and leading to other financial troubles, including tax audits and liens.

A phone message for Blatt was not immediately returned.

The lawsuits do not specify how much damages Doherty and Iswarienko are seeking. Doherty has been unable to work since the diagnosis.

"The spread of the cancer has caused (Doherty) severe emotional distress," the lawsuit states.

"The relationship between a business manager and its client is based on trust, in honesty and competence," Doherty's attorney, Devin McRae, wrote in a statement. "That trust was violated here, and we hope that the defendants will correct it in a responsible manner."

Wife of ex-Subway pitchman seeks divorce amid child sex case

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The wife of former Subway pitchman Jared Fogle filed for divorce on Wednesday, saying she was shocked by the allegations that he engaged in sex acts with underage girls and traded in child pornography.

While her well-known husband was in federal court in Indianapolis to hear the charges against him, Katie Fogle released a statement through her attorney expressing disgust at his actions.

"Obviously, I am extremely shocked and disappointed by the recent developments involving Jared," she said. "I am in the process of seeking a dissolution of the marriage. My focus is exclusively on the well-being of my children."

Katie Fogle said it would be her only public statement about the matter and she asked for privacy for her family.

In a separate statement issued through a public relations firm, Fogle's family said they were "shocked and profoundly disappointed" by his behavior but grateful that he is accepting responsibility. They also expressed concern for the well-being of those affected by his actions.

The statement was released on behalf of "the Fogle family" and didn't specify whether Katie Fogle also endorsed it.

Fogle has agreed to plead guilty on a later date to one count each of traveling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor and the distribution and receipt of child pornography.

As part of his plea deal, prosecutors said they would not seek a sentence of more than 12½ years in prison and Fogle agreed to push for a sentence of at least five years behind bars. He also agreed to pay $1.4 million in restitution to 14 victims — $100,000 each — and to register as a sex offender.

Cops: Rosie O'Donnell's missing daughter was 'of sound mind'

SOUTH NYACK, N.Y. (AP)—Rosie O'Donnell's teenage daughter was "of sound mind and body" when she was found in New Jersey after she left home for a week, police in New York said Wednesday.

Sgt. Daniel Wilson said Chelsea O'Donnell was found by South Nyack police a day earlier in Barnegat, New Jersey, at the house of a male she was "recently acquainted with." He didn't describe the relationship further.

Chelsea declined medical attention, and "she did not appear to be in any mental distress," he said. She had left the family's home Aug. 11 with a therapy dog, and her mother's concern was intensified because she had not been taking needed medication. Chelsea suffers from mental illness, according to her mother's spokeswoman, Cindi Berger.

Rosie O'Donnell lives in South Nyack, about 25 miles north of New York City, and police there had been involved in searching for Chelsea since Aug. 16. In the interim, Chelsea made contact with third parties, so police "didn't believe that there was any immediate danger," Wilson said. He didn't say who the parties were.

South Nyack police informed Barnegat police on Tuesday that they believed Chelsea was there. Police went to the residence and although the person answering the door initially did not want to reveal Chelsea's presence, police said they would not leave until she came out. She then appeared and willingly left with police.

Wilson said Rosie O'Donnell was cooperative and involved authorities because "several days had gone by and she wanted her daughter back." O'Donnell also issued a statement and tweeted Tuesday that her daughter was missing, appealing to the public for help.

Robin Williams' kids ask judge to toss wife's estate claims

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the latest court filing in the ongoing battle over Robin Williams' estate, the late actor's children say his wife is trying to increase her share of his estate at their expense.

Zachary, Zelda and Cody Williams are asking a judge to dismiss a petition filed by Susan Williams.

The December 2014 petition asked the court to exclude the contents of the Tiburon home that she shared with Williams from the jewelry, memorabilia and other items Williams said the children should have.

The children in their Aug. 14 filing say the estate's trustees have determined the division of all of Williams' personal property, and those decisions are final. They accuse Susan Williams of holding on to property that is theirs.

They also say the trustees have arrived at a figure for a reserve fund for Susan Williams to cover the costs of the Tiburon home, but she wants a guaranteed income stream that she is not entitled to.

"Petitioner is seeking to increase her share of the trust assets at the expense of the Williams children," despite the trust's clear language," the children say in their filing. "She cannot do so."

A call to Susan Williams' attorney was not immediately returned. The two sides are set to appear in court Aug. 28.

In court papers filed last month, Susan Williams said the trustees refused to explain how they calculated the amounts for her reserve fund, which were different from figures she arrived at.

AP

In this Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, Robin Williams, right, and Susan Schneider arrive at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

Man suffers a sense of loss after returning dog he found

DEAR ABBY: A man I work with found a dog on his way to the office. He picked it up, took it home and was immediately talking about what a good playmate the dog would make. He said he tried to call the local animal shelter, but was put on hold twice, so he gave up.

I felt he should have made more of an attempt to find the owner before claiming it as his own. I immediately posted a free "found dog" ad online and, three weeks later, received a message.

It turned out the dog belonged to a 72-year-old woman who lives alone. She discovered her back door open one day and her dog missing. I put my co-worker in touch with the lady and said I'd leave it to him to do what he felt was best. After confirming the dog was indeed hers, he reluctantly returned it to her.

He is now telling everyone he's very sad at his loss and that it was "almost as hard as having a dog put to sleep." He's receiving major sympathy from some of our co-workers who seem to be upset with me for posting the found dog ad. Am I wrong to think this small effort should have been expected in this situation, and what I did was the right thing?

DID THE RIGHT THING IN TEXAS

DEAR DID: I don't think you did anything wrong, and I'm 100 percent positive that the dog's owner would agree with me. She was probably worried sick, wondering if her beloved companion was lying injured or dead in a ditch somewhere.

While I appreciate your co-worker feeling a sense of loss at having to return the dog, he should be comforted in the knowledge that it's in a home where it is loved and cared for. And that is NOT comparable to having to have one euthanized. However, because he is grieving, suggest he ask the owner for visitation. Out of gratitude, she may agree.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my partner, "Pat," for 10 years. For personal reasons, we have chosen not to get married. I call him my partner because, for the majority of our 10 years together, we have lived together. We share multiple financial commitments, and he is truly my partner in life.

My problem is, when I refer to Pat as my partner, people immediately ask me if I'm gay. I'm less worried about people thinking I might be a lesbian, but more that people might think Pat is a woman. Even his family members have remarked when I refer to him as my partner.

I know our friends and family respect our choice to not be married, but I'm not sure what to call him other than my partner. I feel that "boyfriend" is too casual for our level of commitment. I don't have a problem calling Pat my partner. I do have a problem with all the unnecessary confusion that follows.

What should I call the man I am committed to and who is equally committed to me, when we have chosen to take the "no ring" route together?

NOT SINGLE IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ABBY
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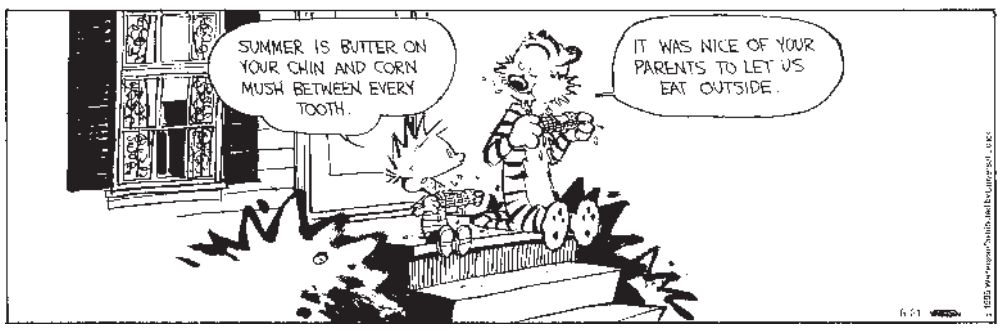
DEAR NOT SINGLE: You could use "better half," but I think the word "partner" describes your relationship very well. If someone asks if you are gay or if Pat is a woman, don't be defensive —just say no. Giving more information to someone who isn't close enough to you to already be aware of your situation is oversharing.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

YOU'RE WRITING A BOOK OF POEMS?
I AM.
LAY ONE ON ME, DADDY-O.
OKAY... AHEM...
SSSS! HOT COFFEE. YOW! SMELL THE BEANS, SIPSIP. WARMTH OOZES INTO MY EAGERLY AWAITING...
STOP! STOP! IF YOU'RE TOO LAZY TO RHYME, I'M TOO BUSY TO LISTEN.
YOU TRY RHYMING "DIGESTIVE PATHWAYS"!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING: 'THIS GUY HAS NO EXPERIENCE.'
"NO DEGREE, NO REFERENCES." YOU'RE THINKING, "WHY WOULD ANYONE EVER HIRE THIS GUY?"
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M THINKING.
I KNOW IT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Brother of Dubya
4 Boast
8 King's defender
12 Foreman foe
13 Barrett or Jaffe
14 Curved molding
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17 Retirement funds, for short
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19 Despots
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43 Varnish ingredient
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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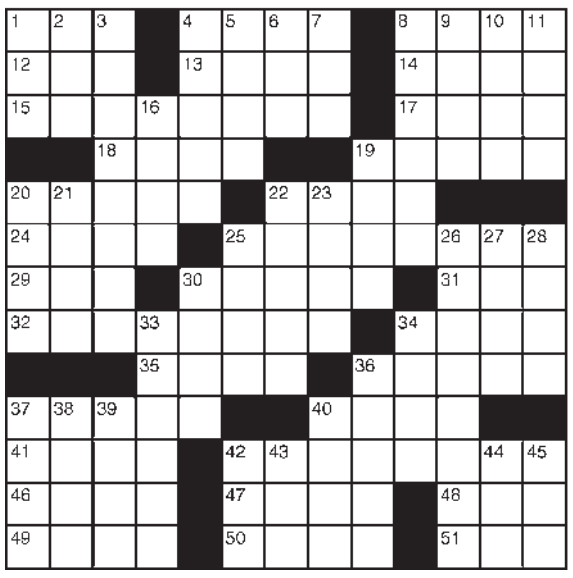
Yesterday's answer 8-21



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Happy Birthday: Expect to clash with people who don't think the same way you do. Do your best to find solutions and to see both sides of a situation to avoid ruining your reputation or ending a friendship. Weigh the pros and cons of all situations you face this year before making a move that isn't necessary and will lead to regret. Your numbers are 2, 8, 12, 25, 31, 38, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Look for ways to make physical improvements. Getting involved in an activity that is challenging will help you gain perspective regarding what's important and what isn't. Approach whatever you face with humility, and you will excel. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Frustration will surface if you try to do the impossible. Use your head and carefully think each step through to avoid disruptions. A change of scenery will do you a world of good. Clear vision comes from getting rid of clutter. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Do the work yourself. You are capable of improving your surroundings and will simplify matters if you don't get involved in a group effort. Someone will overreact or lead you in the wrong direction if you are too accommodating. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Make changes because you want to, not because someone is pushing you to do so. A smart move on your part will show others that you are capable of taking charge and getting things done your way. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Emotional problems will develop if you get into a discussion regarding your domestic situation. Don't overreact or get angry. If you want to solve a problem, listen carefully and look for a suitable solution. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will learn a lot from people who have more experience, as well as by watching the mistakes they make. Socializing will give you an opportunity to show others what you have to offer. Expressing your feelings will bring about positive change. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You will get great satisfaction from helping others. You can improve your reputation, outlook and appearance if you are willing to take on a challenge that helps you face your fears. Stand up to anyone who tries to bully you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Avoid a dispute with someone you care about. You will end up in a no-win situation that will waste time and lead to regret. Use your intellect and focus on something you enjoy doing. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Situations will get blown out of proportion if you aren't careful about what you say. Exaggerating your abilities will make you look bad. Put more energy into personal and home improvements. Choose romance over an argument. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): An opportunity to get involved in a project that you see as a potential moneymaker looks promising. Take control to avoid any unnecessary mishaps. Your experience will help you turn an interesting concept into a thriving venture. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Keep your emotions under control. If you want to discuss how you feel, make sure you listen to someone else's point of view first. You can bring about positive change, but do so with love, not animosity. Stay calm as well as compromising. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Your vision will take you a long way if you are prepared to discuss your plans with someone who may be interested in a partnership. Be willing to offer a fair deal in order to get things up and running. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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9	3	5	4	8	7	2	6	1
2	6	7	1	5	9	3	8	4

Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHEN MARIANA ISLANDS

In re the Guardianship of CARTER JACOB SMITH,	]	FCD-GU Civil Action No. 15-0382
a minor male child,	]	**NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER ON GUARDIANSHIP PETITION**
By: JOHN & TAMRA TOALE, Petitioners.	]	

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing on Petitioners John Toale and Tamra Toale (Proposed Guardians), Verified Petition to Appoint General Guardians (filed August 13, 2015) to appoint Petitioners John and Tamra Toale as general guardians of Carter Jacob Smith, a minor male child, is hereby set for Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the CNMI Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Courtroom 205.

FURTHER, PETITIONERS ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO: (1) personally serve or serve by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, this notice on all known living parents, grandparents and adult siblings of the minor child; (2) post this notice and order at the courthouse for a period of ten (10) days prior to the above-noticed hearing; and (3) publish this notice and order once before the above-noticed hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth.

SO NOTICED AND ORDERED this 17th day of August 2015.

/S/ JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge, CNMI Superior Court

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION is done this 10th day of August, 2015, by **Lee Roy Villagomez**, successor in interest to the late Felix B. Villagomez, original Lessor of the premises concerned.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, successor Lessor hold the fee interest in certain real property identified as Lot 005 I 041, containing an area of 970 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on the Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 01, the original of which was recorded with the Land Registry, Saipan, as Document No. 16706, registered on March 11, 1983, by virtue of partida and deed of gift (Exhibit 1) from the original fee owner, his father, Felix B. Villagomez; and

WHEREAS, a leasehold interest in the subject property was conveyed in 1990, as recorded with the Commonwealth Recorder as Document No. 90-5033A, which leasehold interest ultimately was assigned to Seo, Sun Ok and Seo, Kyung Woon on May 3, 1991, and recorded with the Commonwealth Recorder on May 3, 1991, as Document No. 91-2231; and

WHEREAS, Seo, Sun Ok and Seo, Kyung Woon subsequently abandoned the premises and thus breached and defaulted on the lease for that and other reasons;

NOW, THEREFORE:

THAT LEASEHOLD, pursuant to the recitals aforesaid, created in 1990, as recorded with the Commonwealth Recorder as Document NO. 90-5033A, as assigned to Seo, Sun Ok and Seo, Kyung Woon on May 3, 1991, and recorded with the Commonwealth Recorder on May 3, 1991, as Document No. 91-2231, be and hereby is TERMINATED and hereafter and forever shall be null and void, respecting the following premises on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 005 I 041, containing an area of 970 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on the Drawing/Cadastral Plat NO. 005 I 01, the original of which was recorded with the Land Registry, Saipan, as Document NO. 16706, registered on March 11, 1983.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, successor Lessor has hereunder set his hand the day and date below set forth.

SUCCESSOR LESSOR:

/s/ LEE ROY VILLAGOMES
DATE: August 10, 2015

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

Open Date: August 21, 2015
Close Date: August 28, 2015

Position: (1) Accounting Officer
Salary: $2,250 to $2,500 per month
Qualification: College Graduate (5) yrs experience

Link:http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/13-2011.01

Fax resume to (670) 433-4329 on or before August 28, 2015.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Jenny U. Francisco Petitioner, vs. Jose F. Francisco Respondent,	FCD-D1 CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0328 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEARBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is on file within the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 503210, Saipan, MP, 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2015

/s/ Clerk of Court

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

Open Date: August 21, 2015
Close Date: August 28, 2015

Position: (1) Supervisor
Salary: $1,500 per month
Qualification: High school graduate or vocational (5) yrs experience

Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/41-1011.00

Position: (1) Office Manager
Salary: $1,500 per month
Qualification: AA degree/college graduate (5) yrs experience

Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/43-1011.00

Position: (1) Mechanic
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or vocational (3) yrs experience

Link:
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Position: (1) Custodial Worker
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience

Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2011.00

Position: (1) Welder
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience

Link:
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/51-4121.06

Position: (1) Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Salary: $6.05 to $6.55 per hour
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent (3) yrs experience

Link:
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Job requirements: Minimum 5 years experience in managing shrimp aquaculture business. Must have the technical knowledge on shrimp farming as well as the skills necessary in business management. Must be a graduate of a 4-year degree course related to aquaculture or business management and have proven track record of managing businesses and people. The position also requires being on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. Basic knowledge of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems also required.

Electrician (1)
Job duties: Pull out, installation, repair and maintenance of water pumps, motor aerators, and other support equipment for aquaculture. Repair and maintenance of electrical installations, building, and other structures. Repair and maintenance of heavy duty generators.

Job requirements: Minimum 4 years experience in electrical and mechanical works. Related engineering degree and previous experience in aquaculture operations is an advantage and preferred. Willing to be on call 24 hours a day. Able to lift up to 75lbs.

Accountant (1)
Job duties: Prepare, examine or analyze accounting record, financial statements or other financial reports to asses accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Report to management regarding the finances of establishments. Establish tables of accounts and design entries to proper accounts. Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting systems. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.

Job requirements: Accounting graduate or 4 years bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience in accounting. Well-versed in SAP accounting or any other accounting software. Must be skilled in use of MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, team player and with positive attitude.

Aquaculture Farmer (1)
Job duties: Feeding and monitoring of live aquatic animals, cleaning of tanks, weighing of feeds, harvesting and packing, nighttime monitoring, grounds maintenance and other related jobs.

Job requirements: High school graduate, in good physical and health condition, able to lift up to 60lbs., knowledge of basic mathematical calculations. Must be willing to work night shifts, be a team player and with good working attitude.

Sales Representative (1)
Job duties: Market development, delivery, collection and other customer relations duty. Formulations of sales and marketing strategies. Market survey and analysis and competitor benchmarking.

Job requirements: Minimum experience of 4 years in the seafood retail and wholesale business. Professional driving skills required. Proficient in MS Word and Excel. With proven track record in sales specifically in market development. With excellent oral and written communication skills. Able to lift up to 60lbs.

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Braun becomes Brewers homer leader in 8-7 win over Marlins

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ryan Braun became the Brewers' career home run leader with his 252nd home run and Khris Davis hit two home runs to help Milwaukee avoid a sweep with an 8-7 victory over the Miami Marlins on Wednesday.

Braun hit a 2-1 pitch from former Brewers starter Chris Narveson to lead off the sixth. Braun broke the tie with Hall of Famer Robin Yount with a blast off the railing of the second deck in right.

Davis teed off on the first pitch from Marlins starter Tom Koehler (8-11) in the second for a two-run homer and then did it again in the third to tie the game at 5-5 with a three-run homer. It was his fourth multi-homer game this season and fifth of his career.

Martin Maldonado put Milwaukee 7-6 ahead with a two-run single off Koehler. One batter later, Narveson relieved with the bases loaded, one out and stranded the three runners.

Wily Peralta (4-7) picked up the win.

AP

Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun follows through on a home run against the Miami Marlins during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, in Milwaukee.

Yankees 4, Twins 3

In New York, rookie Greg Bird hit a pair of soaring two-run drives for his first major league homers, supporting an overpowering effort by Nathan Eovaldi and leading the Yankees to a victory over the Twins for a three-game sweep.

Eovaldi (13-2) did not allow a baserunner until Chris Hermann singled with one out in the sixth. Topping 100 mph on the scoreboard radar a handful of times, Eovaldi was touched for three runs in the inning when he lost command of his secondary pitches.

In seven electric innings, Eovaldi gave up four hits and struck out eight. He walked three in improving to 8-0 in his last 11 starts since June 20.

Dellin Betances pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save—first since July 1—for the AL East leaders, winners of six of seven.

Angels 1, White Sox 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Jered Weaver pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning, and Carlos Perez homered in the Angels' third straight victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Weaver (5-9) earned his first victory since May 30, striking out five without a walk in his third start back from a seven-week injury absence. The Angels' longtime ace showed command and deception that made up for his velocity, and eventually left to a standing ovation.

Perez delivered the game's only run with his third homer of the season—and first since May 30—in the sixth.

The game ended after a 3 1/2-minute video review determined reliever Joe Smith had touched the bag while covering first base on a double play. Pinch-hitter Adam LaRoche initially was called safe.

Athletics 5, Dodgers 2

In Oakland, Calif., Jesse Chavez struck out six over eight innings to win for just the second time in six starts, and the Athletics beat the National League West-leading Dodgers for a two-game sweep.

Billy Burns hit a tying double for Oakland in the sixth then scored the go-ahead run on Danny Valencia's double-play grounder two batters later.

After the low-budget A's won 5-4 in 10 innings Tuesday night, they beat baseball's biggest spender again to win consecutive games following a seven-game skid on a recent road trip through Toronto and Baltimore.

Back home in the East Bay, Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run homer in the third, but that wasn't enough as Los Angeles dropped back-to-back contests for the first time since Aug. 9-10.

Chavez (7-12) threw a career-high 116 pitches

Rangers 7, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Texas, Derek Holland won in his return from the disabled list, and Texas hit back-to-back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning as the Rangers beat the Mariners.

Holland (1-1) scattered eight hits, struck out six and walked none over 6 1-3 innings. He was activated from the DL on Wednesday following a shoulder injury suffered in his season debut on April 10.

Mitch Moreland and Elvis Andrus each had three RBIs and hit homers that sandwiched Mike Napoli's 446-foot blast to center off Joe Beimel.

Holland threw shutout ball until Mark Trumbo hit his 15th homer of the season—his sixth since joining Seattle—in the fifth. The Mariners loaded the bases on three straight singles in the sixth but scored just one run.

Padres 3, Braves 2

In San Diego, Yangervis Solarte drove in two runs, and Tyson Ross pitch six solid innings as the Padres beat the Braves to complete a three-game sweep.

Solarte, who had three hits, homered in the sixth and added a run-scoring double in the seventh.

In the seventh, Melvin Upton Jr. singled off Matt Marksberry (0-2), stole second and advanced to third on Clint Barmes' groundout. Austin Hedges followed with a double to left-center field, scoring Upton for a 2-1 lead.

Ross pitched six innings, allowing a run on six hits. He walked three and struck out five.

Shawn Kelley (2-2) got the win after striking out the side in the seventh. Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 37 chances.

Atlanta's Julio Teheran allowed a run and struck out seven over six innings.

Orioles 5, Mets 4

In Baltimore, Henry Urrutia broke a ninth-inning tie with his first major league home run, and Baltimore ended a nine-game losing streak against the Mets.

Jonathan Schoop and Adam Jones also homered for the Orioles, who hadn't defeated the Mets since June 18, 2009.

Baltimore rallied from 3-1 and 4-3 deficits before Urrutia led off the ninth with a drive into the seats in left field off Carlos Torres (4-5). That gave the Orioles a split of the two-game series and their fifth win in six games.

Zach Britton (4-0) worked the ninth for Baltimore.

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 3

In Philadelphia, rookie Aaron Altherr homered, doubled and drove in three runs and Adam Morgan pitched seven strong innings for Philadelphia.

Jeff Francoeur and Andres Blanco also homered for Philadelphia, which snapped a four-game losing streak.

Chase Utley was not in the starting lineup but was in uniform in the Phillies dugout. The Dodgers and Philadelphia announced a deal after the game that had the six-time All-Star second baseman going to Dodgers for two minor leaguers.

Edwin Encarnacion homered for the wild-card leading Blue Jays, who fell two games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. Toronto lost for just the fourth time in its last 20 games.

Mark Buehrle (13-6) had his shortest outing of the season, giving up four runs and seven hits in four innings.

Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Pittsburgh, J.A. Happ allowed two hits in six shutout innings for Pittsburgh.

Happ (5-7), acquired at the trade deadline from Seattle, struck out three and walked two to earn his first National League victory in more than three years. Sean Rodriguez had three hits and an RBI for the Pirates. Starling Marte added two hits and Gregory Polanco chipped in an RBI single off Robbie Ray (3-9).

Mark Melancon struck out three straight batters in the ninth for his 38th save. Pittsburgh improved to 16-3 against teams from the NL West and is 57-31 since May 9, the best record in the majors.

Paul Goldschmidt had an RBI single in the ninth for Arizona but A.J. Pollock, Jarrod Saltalamacchia and David Peralta whiffed against Melancon while representing the tying run.

Red Sox 6, Indians 4

In Boston, David Ortiz hit his 492nd career homer, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Ryan Hanigan connected on consecutive pitches, and Joe Kelly went six strong innings for Boston.

Travis Shaw also homered following Ortiz's solo shot for the Red Sox, who have won four of six.

Boston's homers all came off Corey Kluber (8-13), last season's AL Cy Young Award winner.

Yan Gomes hit a three-run shot for the Indians, who have lost four of five.

Kelly (6-6) gave up one unearned run and five hits, striking out three and walking three to win his fourth straight start. Junichi Tazawa worked the ninth for his first save.

Royals 4, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Lorenzo Cain had a tiebreaking RBI single in the second inning, Ben Zobrist had four hits, and Kansas City benefited from a Cincinnati baserunning gaffe to complete a two-game sweep.

Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie left in the fifth with the 4-3 lead and the bases loaded and one out. Luke Hochevar (1-0) got Jay Bruce to pop up along the first base line. Bruce was out under the infield fly rule, but Jason Bourgeois tried to score when the ball dropped, and Hochevar threw to catcher Drew Butera, who easily tagged out Bourgeois to end the inning.

Ryan Madson and Kelvin Herrera each turned in one scoreless relief inning before Wade Davis pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Cardinals 4, Giants 3

In St. Louis, Yadier Molina's 100th career home run in the bottom of the eighth inning snapped a tie for St. Louis.

Molina added an RBI single in the first and rookie Stephen Piscotty homered in the third for St. Louis, which took two of three from the NL West-contending Giants. The Cardinals are 77-43 overall and 46-19 at home, both tops in the majors.

Kevin Siegrist (5-0) allowed a walk in the eighth and Trevor Rosenthal earned his 38th save in 40 chances, striking out pinch-hitting pitcher Madison Bumgarner to end it. Siegrist won both of the games in the series and the Cardinals wrapped up a 6-3 homestand with three 2-1 series wins and have won six consecutive series overall.

Tigers 15, Cubs 8

In Chicago, pitcher Daniel Norris homered in his first career plate appearance, Nick Castellanos went deep twice, one a grand slam, and Detroit pounded Jon Lester.

The Tigers set season highs in runs and hits (21) and tied one with five homers—three off Lester. It was the second time this season they reached double digits in scoring in consecutive games, after winning 10-8 on Tuesday.

The Cubs dropped their third straight after winning nine in a row and 15 of 16, with Lester (8-9) making his earliest exit of the season. The Cubs' ace lasted just 2 2-3 innings in his shortest outing since 2012 while allowing a season-high seven runs.

Norris became the 19th pitcher and first since 2011 to homer in his first major league at-bat, according to STATS, when he lined a two-run drive in the second inning. Norris left the game in the fifth because of a strained right oblique.

Castellanos drove in a career-high five runs and tied one with four hits. He recorded the first multihomer game of his career with a leadoff drive in the second and the grand slam that made it 7-0 in the third.

Astros 3, Rays 2, 13 innings

In Houston, rookie Carlos Correa homered and his RBI single in the 13th inning gave Houston the win.

Colby Rasmus walked with one out in the 13th and advanced to third on a single by Jose Altuve off Matt Andriese (3-3), who was called up from Triple-A Durham on Wednesday. Correa's grounder to right field with two outs in the inning scored Rasmus to give Houston the victory.

It was the second straight extra-inning win for the Astros who beat the Rays 3-2 on Tuesday night on a homer by Marwin Gonzalez in the 10th.

Nationals 4, Rockies 1

In Denver, Stephen Strasburg pitched seven strong innings and Jayson Werth hit a tiebreaking triple in the eighth for Washington.

Strasburg (7-6) allowed two hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter in his third straight solid start since coming off the disabled list. Since returning to the rotation on Aug. 8, the right-hander has allowed three earned runs, struck out 25 in 20 innings and lowered his ERA from 5.16 to 4.22.

The Nationals tied it in the seventh when reliever Gonzalez Germen allowed a two-out double to Bryce Harper and walked two straight to load the bases. Germen then threw a wild pitch to Ryan Zimmerman and Harper scored easily to tie it at 1.

‘Deflategate’ judge says Brady suspension in jeopardy

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge made clear Wednesday that the NFL’s four game suspension of Tom Brady over “Deflategate” is in jeopardy as the star New England quarterback returned to practice.

U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman, who’s been asked by the NFL Players Association to void the suspension, warned a league lawyer during oral arguments in the scandal over underinflated footballs that there was precedent for judges to toss out penalties issued by arbitrators.

Berman continued to push for a settlement in the dispute—a potential result he called “rational and logical.” But throughout the hearing, he also cited several weaknesses in the way the NFL handled the controversy that could become the basis for handing a victory to Brady and his union.

After the hearing, Berman met behind closed doors with both sides for more than an hour before the lawyers left court, saying the judge asked them not to discuss the negotiations publicly. If there is no deal, the Manhattan judge has said he hopes to rule by Sept. 4, six days before the Patriots host the Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL’s season-opening game.

Neither Brady nor NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was in court Wednesday. Brady returned to his team after participating in negotiations along with Goodell and lawyers on both sides a day earlier.

Berman ordered Brady and Goodell to return to court if they can’t settle, scheduling a tentative Aug. 31 hearing.

The league announced in May that it was suspending Brady over allegations he conspired with two Patriots equipment employees to deflate footballs below what league rules allow, to give him a competitive edge in New England’s victory over the Indianapolis Colts in January’s AFC championship game. Goodell, who by contract with the players’ union can act as an arbitrator for labor disputes, upheld the suspension, touching off the legal battle.

During more than two hours of arguments by attorneys, the judge noted other arbitration decisions have been rejected when a key witness was not allowed to testify as he asked why NFL Executive Vice President Jeff Pash—who worked on the NFL investigation—could not be questioned by union lawyers during the suspension’s appeal.

Arbitration proceedings, while more relaxed than court proceedings, are still required to follow due process rules to ensure fairness, Berman said.

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New England Patriot quarterback Tom Brady (12) shares a laugh with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels during a joint practice between the Patriots and New Orleans Saints at the Saint’s NFL football training camp, Wednesday, Aug.19, 2015, in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

Patriots, Saints express mutual admiration at joint practice

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP)—The kinship between Bill Belichick and Sean Payton is apparent in the way they compliment each other, as well as the subjects they’d rather not discuss.

They relate on matters ranging from winning it all to the awkwardness of tarnished reputations. Their franchises have drawn some of the harshest sanctions levied by the NFL.

Now they’ve gathered for a football summit of sorts this week at a secluded luxury resort in the mountains of West Virginia. They can provide plenty of reasons why they think working together before their preseason game on Saturday in New Orleans will help both squads improve.

If they’re also sharing notes about what they’ve learned from scandals known as “Spygate,” “Bountygate,” or “Deflategate,” they weren’t acknowledging it when the teams practiced together on Wednesday.

“I won’t comment on anything with regards to New England’s situation and ours is behind us,” Payton said. “We’ve got to find a way to improve.”

In 2007, New England was levied heavy fines and docked draft picks by the NFL, which found the Patriots improperly videotaped an opponent’s coaches’ signals.

In 2012, an NFL probe concluded that the Saints had operated improper cash pools rewarding big and even injurious hits. Payton, who denied being aware of anything improper, was suspended for the 2012 season. Players the league identified as ringleaders of the “bounty” pool had various suspensions overturned on appeals brought by the NFL Players Association.

In May, the league announced it was suspending Patriots quarterback Tom Brady four games over allegations he conspired with two Patriots equipment employees to deflate footballs below what league rules allow to give him a competitive edge in New England’s victory over the Indianapolis Colts in January’s AFC championship game. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld the suspension on appeal, after which the quarterback, backed by the NFLPA, sued in federal court.

A hearing in the case was held in New York on Wednesday, during which a judge said he would rule on Sept 4 if the two sides couldn’t resolve the issue.

Back at the Greenbrier Resort, where the Saints hold training camp, Brady could be heard intensely barking instructions at teammates between plays during 11-on-11 drills. He completed several impressive passes, including a precisely placed, and timed, pass to Danny Amendola in the back, right corner of the end zone.

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sustained significant damage, the pitch at the track and field oval is clear and is being used by football teams getting ready for an off-island team.

“It’s going to take a while before normal operations at the complex resumes. I can’t say when, especially if the gym will be used as a shelter. We will make announcements to the public from time to time,” he added.

The unavailability of the sports facilities could have come at a better time when school is about to start and interscholastic tournaments are on the way along with the various leagues that usually use the Oleai Sports Complex.

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in the other match at the bottom half of the draw. Miyawaki is at the top half and will also meet a Vanuatu player in Rosalie Molballeh for the chance to challenge either the top-ranked Naia Guitton or Kiribati’s Caroline Mwang in the semis.

In the girls U16 singles, Isabel Heras gained her first victory in the tournament in a timely manner as the win moved her to the quarterfinal round. Heras, who lost all her three matches in pool play, swept American Samoa’s Michelle Miller, 6-1, 6-3, to arrange a Round of 8 showdown against the third-ranked Georjimah Row of the Solomon Islands. Only Heras and the top-seeded Lee survived the division playoffs as their teammate, Ami Tsukagoshi, fell to Fiji’s Ruby Coffin, 0-6, 0-6.

In the boys U14 singles, the Commonwealth crew is also down to two with fourth-ranked Robbie Schorr and Ken Song marching on.

Schorr cruised past Fiji’s Shabil Ajmeer, 6-0, 6-0, after only 43 minutes of play, while Song also shut down another Fiji player in Shantanu Shail. Song is at the top half of the draw and will next face Vanuatu’s Marlin Hannam for one of the two semis spots in his group. At the bottom half, Schorr will battle Kiribati’s Banien Ioera and another win will pair the former against either Jeremy Guines of Tahiti or Clement Mainguy of Vanuatu in the semifinals.

Still in the boys U14 singles results, Vincent Tudela missed joining Schorr and Song to the next round after losing to Samoa’s Kristen Pavitt, 3-6, 1-6. Ji Min Woo and Seung Jin Paik also bowed out of competition in the U12 singles after falling to Vanutua’s Ware Tigona, 6-7 (7), 2-6, and Fiji’s Kelese Kofe, 2-6, 3-6, respectively.

Doubles results

Tudela redeemed himself in the boys U14 doubles contest, as he partnered with FSM’s William Joab in sweeping Ioera and Fiji’s Gavin Molotii, 6-0, 6-1. The CNMI-FSM pair is in the semifinals and will face the top-ranked duo of Guines and Gillian Osmont of Tahiti for the finals berth at the upper half of the draw. At the lower half, Song and Schorr lost to the second-seeded tandem of Hannam and Mainguy in a thrilling three-set match, 6-2, 7-5, 9-11. Hannam and Mainguy will go up against Samoa’s John Quin Lim and Pavitt in the other semis pairing.

In the girls U14 doubles, all three CNMI players made it to the semifinals. Sakano teamed up with American Samoa’s Hanisi Ledua and they won against Molballeh and Spiti, 2-5 (retired), while Tan and Miyawaki got a bye in the opener to set a semis duel against American Samoa’s Crystal Christman and Mychealla Miller. Sakano and Ledua are paired against Guitton and Lamorelle.

In the girls U16, only Lee is in the Final Four as she and partner Ayana Rengiil of Palau also received a bye and marched into the semis against Fiji’s Coffin and Vienna Kumar, who eliminated Heras and Tsukagoshi, 3-6, 3-6.

In the girls U12, the Kaga sisters are also in the semis and will meet Cronin and American Samoa’s Jireh Warren. Tuttle along with Skilling bowed to Breen and Solomon Islands’ Zorika Morgan, 3-6, 3-6. In the boys division, Woo and Paik are out of contention, too, after a sorry loss to Kofe and Tigona, 2-6, 6-3, 2-10.

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thing we can to prepare for this high level competition. We’re working hard on their stamina as we’re expecting to go up against quick players. We’re also working on the team’s tactics, focusing more on defense. We will attack if we have a chance, but we will really concentrate on defense as we try to limit the scores of our opponents,” Angeles said.

The Northern Mariana Island Football Association-supported squad has yet to be named, but Angeles said they will have five players coming from the mainland (attending college) and six from the CNMI U16 National Team that will play in a separate competition in Laos.

“Hopefully these off-island players can join us in our training camp in Chonburi,” said Angeles, who will assist NMIFA technical director and CNMI coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi.

Sekiguchi is currently in Malaysia, attending the Inaugural AFC National Coaches Conference 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, leaving Angeles the task to facilitate the team’s rain-soaked training session yesterday afternoon at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Sekiguchi will join the team’s training camp in Chonburi from Aug. 22 to 25.

At the camp, Sekiguchi’s players will have a scrimmage against Chonburi Football Club. Chonburi FC is a professional team and a champion in the Thai Premier League in 2007. The club is dominated by local players and reinforced by a few Brazilian, Korean, and Japanese pros.

“The camp will definitely help our boys warm-up for the competition in Bangkok and get them acclimated early in Thailand weather,” said Angeles.

The camp was originally set in Japan, but was moved to Chonburi due to its proximity with the host city.

The top finisher in Bangkok and group winners in nine other pools along with the five second-best placed squads will advance to the finals in Bahrain. If the host country wins its pool (Group H), the sixth-best placed team will take the last spot in the 16-squad finale.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	52	.563	—
Toronto	66	55	.545	2
Baltimore	62	57	.521	5
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	8½
Boston	54	66	.450	13½

Central Division

Kansas City	73	46	.613	—
Minnesota	59	61	.492	14½
Detroit	58	61	.487	15
Chicago	55	63	.466	17½
Cleveland	55	64	.462	18

West Division

Houston	66	55	.545	—
Los Angeles	63	57	.525	2½
Texas	61	58	.513	4
Seattle	56	65	.463	10
Oakland	53	69	.434	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	64	56	.533	—
Washington	60	59	.504	3½
Atlanta	53	67	.442	11
Miami	49	71	.408	15
Philadelphia	47	73	.392	17

Central Division

St. Louis	77	43	.642	—
Pittsburgh	71	47	.602	5
Chicago	67	51	.568	9
Cincinnati	51	67	.432	25
Milwaukee	52	70	.426	26

West Division

Los Angeles	67	53	.558	—
San Francisco	65	55	.542	2
San Diego	59	62	.488	8½
Arizona	58	61	.487	8½
Colorado	48	70	.407	18

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CNMI Swimmers at 16th FINA World Championships

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Kaito Yanai nears completion of the 50m breaststroke race.

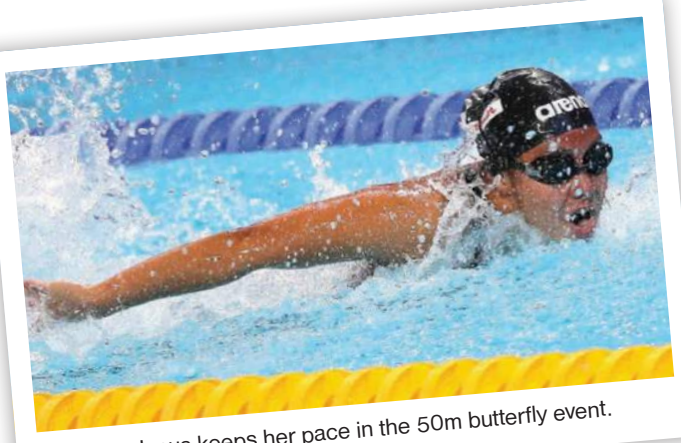
Kaito Yanai jumps from the starting block during a qualifying race in the 100m breaststroke event.

Victoria Chentsova races in the 400m event in the 16th FINA World Championships held early this month at the Kazan Arena in Kazan, Russia.

Kaito Yanai competes in the 100m breaststroke race.

Victoria Chentsova is on her way to the last lap of the 800m freestyle race.

Angel De Jesus takes off from the starting block during the 50m butterfly competition.



Angel De Jesus keeps her pace in the 50m butterfly event.

Takumi Sugie jumps out of the starting block during the 100m freestyle event.

Takumi Sugie checks the clock after finishing the 50m freestyle race.

The three CNMI swimmers join the rest of the Pacific Oceania contingent to the World Championships.

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Tuttle and company march on

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The CNMI female players proved their mettle after marching into the quarterfinal round of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Four of the Commonwealth's nine players in the girls U12, U14, and U16 singles prevailed against their respective playoff opponents yesterday at the Regional Training Centre in Lautoka, Fiji, to bring the CNMI's number of Round of 8 qualifiers to eight.

Erica Tuttle was among the latest addition to the quarterfinals cast, joining early qualifiers Conatsu Kaga, Carol Lee, Malika Miyawaki, and Tania Tan, who got byes in the opening playoff round. Tuttle stepped up big time as after dropping all her pool matches, she survived the Federated States of Micronesia's Anne Skilling, 7-6 (12), 6-0, in their nearly two-hour game.

The tough win against Skilling gave Tuttle the right to face Conatsu in the quarterfinals of the lower half bracket. Incidentally, the CNMI's third bet in the girls U12 singles and Conatsu's sibling, Coume, is at the bottom half of the draw, too and could set up another all-Commonwealth semis duel if the younger Kaga wins in her Round of 8 tiff over Fiji's Saoirse Breen. Coume barged into the quarterfinals following a 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory against Samoa's Leafine Cronin.

In the girls U14 singles, the Jeff Race-coached CNMI Team will also have three entries in the quarterfinals with Mimi Sakano joining Tan and Miyawaki. Sakano eased past Solomon Islands' Chrisma Au, 6-0, 6-1, to set up a quarterfinal date against the third-ranked Lea Lamorelle of Tahiti. A win over Lamorelle will pair Sakano opposite Tan in the semis provided the latter eliminate Vanuatu's Daisy Spiti

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Ericka Tuttle, seen here getting ready to serve in a tournament late last year, redeemed herself in the playoff round of the girls U12 singles division of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after marching into the quarterfinals yesterday in Fiji.

Youth baseball league moved

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The 2015 DYS Summer/Fall Triple A Baseball League has been moved to October as the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field needs repairs after sustaining damage from Typhoon Soudelor.

League coordinator Tony Rogolifoi said that they are looking to open the youth league late October instead of next month as they need time to fix the field's fence and other areas of the facility. He added that matches will only be played on day time every Saturday and Sunday, as the lights won't be available for night games.

"After initial inspection, we found out there are missing lights that dropped and broke during the typhoon. There are lights that are also not aligned and needed to be fixed," Rogolifoi said.

Meanwhile, Rogolifoi, who also serves as the executive director of Northern Marianas Sports Association that is tasked to manage the Oleai Sports Complex, said they are still waiting official word from Federal Emergency Management Agency to find out if the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium will be used as shelters for typhoon victims.

Rogolifoi said a government official accompanied FEMA staff to the Ada Gym last week to assess the facility.

"Right now, they can't use the gym for shelter because of the leaking roof. The vents and some windows are broken and if it continues to rain, the floor will be flooded. Some of the doors need to be fixed, too," Rogolifoi said.

While majority of the facilities inside the complex

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field lost majority of its nets to Typhoon Soudelor that rammed Saipan last Aug. 2.

CNMI expects toughest test in AFC U19 event

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The AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Bangkok, Thailand, is the toughest among the three tournaments awaiting the CNMI next month.

"I believe some of the players suiting up for the opposing teams are either members of their national squads or pools that are bound for the World Cup qualifier so it's going to be a tough ride for us. We're like playing a death match every day," CNMI U19 National Team assistant coach Jersh Angeles said.

Angeles and the 19 players carrying the Commonwealth's colors to the Sept. 28-Oct. 6 tournament will be facing the host country, South Korea, Singapore, and Chinese-Taipei in Group H round-robin play.

"Our players know what they are up to, so we're doing every-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
CNMI U19 National Team assistant coach Jersh Angeles (with visor) huddles with the players during a break in their rain-soaked training session yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.